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MOBS AGAIN.

Luchow China Inland Mission Looted.

THE CANTON SPLIT.

Negotiations Begin Regarding Tientsin Concession.

Further acts of mob violence have to be recorded, the China Inland Mission at Luchow, according to reports, having been looted, also several Customs residences. Other items in to-day's news are a wireless message stating that the Nationalist split appears to be growing more pronounced, and a Reuter cable reporting that negotiations have begun regarding the British Concession at Tientsin.

MISSION LOOTED.

Nationalist Split Still More Pronounced.

LATEST WIRELESS NEWS.

The following wireless messages have been received by the local naval authorities:—

Reports from Luchow (near Chungking) are to the effect that the China Inland Mission there has been looted by a mob.

A message from Wanshsien

FURY OF THE WIND.

Terrific Gale Sweeps Western Japan.

Osaka, March 11.

Since last night there has been a terrific wind in western Japan with a velocity of eighteen metres. There has been no serious damage so far.

Reports from Tango state that the wind is smashing shanties. Reuter.

states that a French steamer searched there by Chinese forces was found to contain arms and ammunition bound for Chungking.

[Chungking is the headquarters of General Yang Sen, who gained notoriety over the seizure of British vessels which led to the "Wanshsien" sequel. There are other Chinese generals in Szechuan opposed to Yang Sen and allied to the North. It is to be presumed that it is these generals who intercepted the passage of the arms.]

The wireless report goes on to state that Szechuan Generals are reported to have organised an attack on Yang Sen.

The Nationalist Split. From Hankow comes further confirmation of the split between the Moderates and Extremists of the Southern party.

The military section of the Nationalist party held meetings at Hankow yesterday to frame a policy governing future activities.

A more settled state of affairs seems to exist at Kluksing since the signing of the agreement and the putting into effect of some of the new regulations.

The Nationalist flag has been hoisted on the Customs House there.

The situation is quiet and the Chinese authorities are endeavouring to settle the strike and resume friendly relations. Large numbers of Southern troops continue to move down the river.

Customs Residences Looted. Some of the Customs residences at Wusung have been looted and here also there is considerable troop activity, the Southern forces having concentrated 13 miles below Wuhu and reported to be advancing on both banks of the river.

Large numbers of troops are crossing to the North bank at Chundang.

There is no change in the situation at Ichang.

A few more missionaries from up-river were evacuated yesterday.

TIENTSIN CONCESSION.

Discussions Now In Progress.

Rugby, March 10.

Mr. G. Locker Lampson, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated in the House of Commons that discussions were now in progress between the British Government and the Waichapu regarding the British Concession at Tientsin.—British Wireless Service.

WUHU RIOTS.

The Official Story of the Trouble.

Rugby, March 10.

A serious riot occurred on Wednesday evening at Wuhu, a town on the Yangtse 180 miles west of Shanghai, with a 236,000 population.

The mob looted the native Customs and the Custom Club, and some Europeans were locked in the Customs House.

The European women and children were withdrawn into the British steamer "Shasi."

A small party of troops was sent by Chen Tiao-yuan, the Military Governor of Anhui, who was recently reported to have gone over to the Nationalists, but the force was apparently inadequate to restore order.

Men from the British destroyer "Wolsey," with assistance from the United States destroyer "Freble," helped to remove the women to the steamer "Shasi." The British cruiser "Emerald" was sent to Wuhu from Nanking to protect British life and property.

Latest press reports state that the Chinese authorities later restored order, and that Cheng Chien, Commander of one of the Southern Armies, has arrived, and taken charge of the situation.

It is not clear how the trouble arose, although some reports state that the Chinese attempted to commandeer the Indo-China steamer "Kutwo" for troop transport and were firmly but tactfully prevented by a British naval party.—British Wireless Service.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

A Soviet Envoy Going to Hankow.

Riga, March 10.

M. Aralov, who has been representing the Soviet Government in negotiations with Latvia for the conclusion of a guarantee pact, has left for Moscow en route to Hankow. It was recently reported that M. Aralov was appointed Soviet ambassador to the Cantonese Government.—Reuter.

Security. London, March 10. Criticising the Labourite attitude towards China, Mr. Amery at Birmingham said perfect peace prevailed in Shanghai. The British, Foreign and Chinese communities were sleeping peacefully in their beds because they had got British troops looking after them.—Reuter.

UNDER CANVAS.

HOUSING THE TROOPS IN HONG KONG.

BILLETING ARRANGEMENTS.

Further additions were made this morning to the 1,500 or more troops under canvas in the neighbourhood of Fanling, the Cantonese disembarking from the a.s. "Hermione" and proceeding by train to Sun Wei.

The plans that the military have in view are that while the weather remains good and arrangements for local billeting are being perfected, as many as possible of the troops here will go under canvas. At the end of this month many of the troops will return and take up quarters in Kowloon.

The huts, buildings and roads at Samshui will not be completed until some time in April, so the indications are that Hong Kong will be entertaining troops for a month or two, at least, as such extensive plans are being made for their accommodation.

MADAME BORODIN.

The Soviet Couriers Not Executed.

EARLIER REPORTS DISPROVED.

Chang Tso-li's Attitude Officially Explained.

Peking, March 11.

General Yang Yu-ting, Marshal Chang Tso-li's Chief of Staff, who returned to Peking from Mukden, officially informed Reuter this morning on behalf of Marshal Chang Tso-li that when Marshal Chang Tsung-chang captured the "Pamiat Lenina" he fully reported the matter to Marshal Chang Tso-li, declaring that several Russians arrested on board had been plotting against the North and asking what steps he should take. Marshal Chang Tso-li replied that those against

GOOD PROGRESS.

The Duchess of York Getting Better.

Rugby, March 10.

A bulletin issued to-day at Nelson, New Zealand, states that the Duchess of York, who is suffering from tonsillitis, is progressing satisfactorily, but that it is not thought desirable she should travel to Christchurch to-morrow. Her Royal Highness therefore will remain at Nelson while the Duke carries out the engagements on the west coast of New Zealand.—British Wireless Service.

whom clear documentary evidence could be produced should be dealt with drastically. The others should be released or detained.

General Yang Yu-ting emphasises that Marshal Chang Tso-li did not order any execution. Yesterday Marshal Chang Tsung-chang sent a further report to Marshal Chang Tso-li saying that all the arrested people had been detained at Tsinan-fu. They were being closely guarded but well-treated, and no untoward incident has happened to them.

Marshal Chang Tso-li wired Marshal Chang Tsung-chang last night emphasising the importance of the affair and instructing Marshal Chang Tsung-chang to collect all possible evidence concerning the prisoners.

Marshal Chang Tso-li and Marshal Chang Tsung-chang are closely co-operating in the matter and no execution can occur without their consent.—Reuter.

Home Paper's Comment.

London, March 10.

The "Daily News" says that in capturing, acquiring or borrowing Mrs. Borodin (alias Mrs. Brown), Chang Tso-li has undoubtedly achieved the greatest military success of the present civil war. The most poignant factor in the situation is the intervention of the Russian Government.

The paper asks how Moscow can make such a protest to the Peking Government, which it refuses to recognise? And if the arrested men were indeed "diplomatic couriers" to the Cantonese, how can Moscow any longer pretend it is not directly concerned in Borodin's connection with the Cantonese. The irony of the situation would be complete if there were any truth in the lively rumour that application has been made on Mrs. Borodin's behalf for British protection. "But that is probably too good to be true."

The "Times" comments on the situation and says that if the Cantonese Government seems to have two voices for its policies, the British Parliamentary Labour Party has a multitude of discordant voices but no policy at all.—Reuter.

The Bishop of Victoria has appointed the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, the Rev. G. I. Blanchett and the Rev. Mok Shaw-tsang, to act as his commissaries during his absence from the Diocese.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 1/11 11/16

AERIAL CHAIN.

Linking the Wide Horizons of the Empire.

VISION OF THE FUTURE.

Sir Samuel Hoare Outlines Our Air Imperial Policy.

The Secretary of State for Air, Sir Samuel Hoare, introducing the Air Estimates in the House of Commons yesterday, emphasized the supreme importance of an Imperial air policy, and drew a picture of the time when "the boundless expanses and wide horizons of the British Empire" will be linked by airways as part of one great system.

TRIPS TO FAR EAST.

Coming Long-Distance Flights.

Rugby, March 10.

On the motion to go into committee on the Air Estimates, Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary for Air, made his annual statement of the policy of the Air Ministry.

He said that the House should observe three significant features in the estimates. Firstly they made provision for a substantially stronger air force for less money than was needed last year. Secondly they showed a large reduction in expenditure upon the Middle East, and thirdly they embodied in a conspicuous manner the considered policy of replacing old machines by new types.

He warned the House that while a close scrutiny of the establishments and a slowing down of the expansion programme had for the coming year made possible a three per cent. reduction in the net estimates, heavy commitments in connection with the defence programme were bound to involve

KONGMOON PREFECT.

Raised to be Apostolic Vicar.

Rome, March 10.

The Pope has raised the Apostolic Prefecture of Kongmoon to a Vicariate and has appointed the Rev. J. E. Walsh, Apostolic Prefect at Kongmoon since 1924, to be Apostolic Vicar.—Reuter.

added an altogether exceptional value to the discussions of the Imperial Conference upon air development.

During the year a number of co-operative flights would take place across the whole length of Africa from Capetown to Cairo.

The South African Air Force would take part with our own units from Egypt, while the Crown Colonies in East Africa and Sudan would take their share by means of a subsidy which they had offered for a link in the chain between Kisumu and Khartoum. So far as he knew, these would be the first long distance flights carried out on the system of Imperial co-operation.

Perhaps out of these small beginnings would gradually emerge a regular air route connecting Egypt and South Africa.

The Far East.

In addition to these special flights, it was proposed to make long distance Empire flights a regular part of the training of the Air Force squadron.

It was also proposed to begin the preparation of landing grounds for flying route to Singapore, and to send for the first time to the Far East a flight of flying boats, one of whose duties it would be to co-operate with the Royal Australian Air Force.

The importance of these proposals lay in the fact that they were illustrations of an Imperial air policy that would gradually emerge in years to come, and whose foundations it would not have been possible to lay without the fruitful discussions that took place at the Imperial Conference.

Boundless Expanses.

In conclusion, Sir Samuel Hoare declared that British air policy was on one hand to make the Air Force as mobile as possible, and on the other hand to direct the aim of civil aviation, not on to the enclosed spaces and storms and fogs of Europe so much as to the boundless expanses and wide horizons of the British Empire.

He saw a prospect of using the Air Force as an instrument of economy and not as stimulus to greater expenditure, of making aviation an asset and not a liability to the British Empire.—British Wireless Service.

WAR IN THE AIR.

Terrible Weapons That Menace Cities.

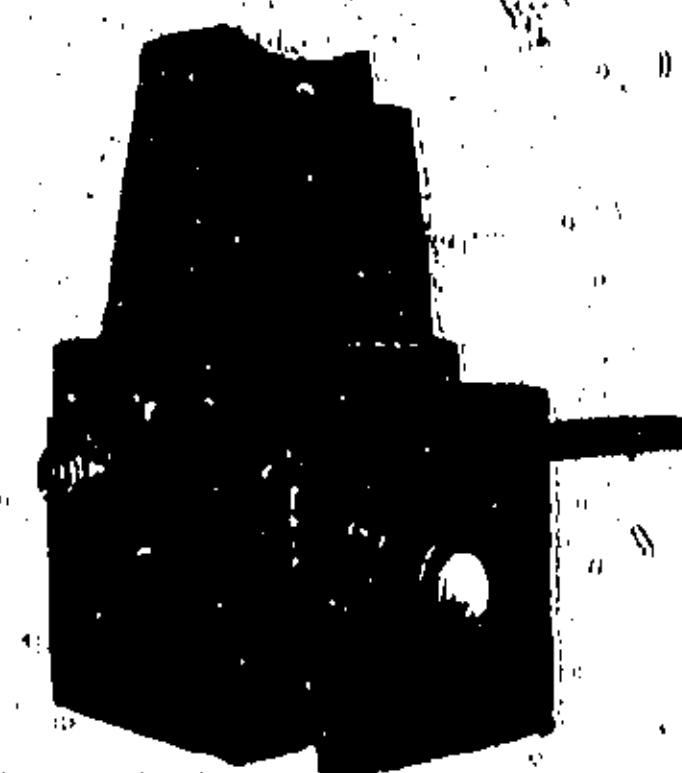
London, March 10.

The House of Commons carried by 225 to 112 votes the Air Estimates.

Capt. G. M. Garro-Jones (Labour) urged disarmament in the air. He mentioned pilotless aero-

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T.T. on London	111 3/4	111 3/4	111 3/4
T.T. on Shanghai	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2
Rongkong Bank	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2
Chartered Bank	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Merchandise Bank A. & B.	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
P. & O. Bank	24 3/4	24 3/4	24 3/4
Bank of East Asia	29 3/4	29 3/4	29 3/4
Marine Insurance	74	74	74
Canton Insurance	600	600	600
China Underwriters	80 cts.	80 cts.	80 cts.
North China Insurance	140	140	140
Union Insurance	285	285	285
Yantai Insurance	40	40	40
China Fire Insurance	200	200	200
H.K. Fire Insurance	615	615	615
Shipping			
Douglas	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	110	110	110
Indo-China (Pref.)	30	30	30
Shell Transports	40	40	40
Star Ferries	55	55	55
Water-boats	14	14	14
Refineries			
China Sugars	22	22	22
Malayan Sugars	34	34	34
Mining			
Benguet	130	130	130
Kailan Mining Ad.	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
Langkats (Combined)	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Shanghai Exploration	6	6	6
Shanghai Loan	4	4	4
Raub	340	340	340
Tronoh Mines	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Ural Caspian	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Docks, Wharves, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	102	102	102
H.K. & W. Docks	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
Hongkew	114 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2
New Engineering	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Shanghai Docks	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2
Hongkong Lands	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
Hongkong Realty	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
H.K. Territorial	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Humphreys Estates	13	13	13
Prince's Building	87	87	87
Rural Lands	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Cotton Mills			
Ewo Cottons	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Oriental	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
Shanghai Cottons (old)	54	54	54
do. (new)	27	27	27
Miscellaneous			
Canton Ices	5	5	5
Cement (comb.)	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
do. (old)	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
do. (new)	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
China Buses	14	14	14
China Lights (comb.)	14	14	14
do. (old)	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
do. (new)	7	7	7
China Prov.	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
Dairy Farms	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Der A. Wing	6	6	6
Hongkong Amusement	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
H.K. Constructions	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
Hongkong Electric	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
H.K. Ropes (old)	7	7	7
do. (new)	7	7	7
Hongkong Tramways	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Lane, Crawford	7	7	7
Macao Electric	35	35	35
Mackintosh	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Nanyang Tobacco	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
do. (new)	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Sincere	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Singapore Trams	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Taxis	70	70	70
United Asbestos	1	1	1
do. (Founders)	300	300	300
do. (Ordinary)	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Wm. Poyells	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2
H.K. Telephones	370	370	370

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

DAIRY FARM CO.

PROPOSED DIVIDEND OF \$1.25.

REPORT AND PROFITS.

The profit of The Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., for the five months ending December 31, 1926, amounts to \$77,255.45, which together with the carry forward of \$200,800.25 from the previous year leaves \$278,064.70 for appropriation.

The directors will recommend at the forthcoming yearly meeting of shareholders that this sum be allocated as follows:

To pay a Dividend of \$1.25 per share on 200,000 shares amounting to \$250,000.00
To carry forward \$28,064.70

The 31st annual meeting has been fixed for March 25, at 12 noon, at the company's town office No. 2, Lower Albert Road. Transfer books will be closed from March 17 to 25 inclusive.

LABOUR SAVER.

ELECTRIC MAID OF ALL WORK.

WASHING TO SAUSAGE MAKING

Fleet Street, Feb. 4. Members of the press were invited to-day to a preliminary view of the appliances that will be shown by the General Electric Company, Ltd., at the forthcoming Ideal Home Exhibition. These are of special interest now that a much greater use of electricity for domestic purposes is to be looked for. The "star turn" this evening (says the "Manchester Guardian") was the performance of the "Maid" electrical wizard, a washing and wringing machine which has been fitted with several new devices, the use of which was easily demonstrated by a young girl. The machine, compact and fitted with a cover which can be used as a kitchen or ironing table. Beneath this is the revolving drum into which the clothes to be washed are put. On the edge of the tub is a wringer operated by machinery. No handle has to be turned. All the washwoman has to do is to place the articles to be wrung out between the rollers and guide them as they fall into a basket.

There are several other attachments that can be fitted to the machine when the wringer is removed. One of these—less necessary in these days of stainless steel than it used to be—is a knife-cleaner which will also sharpen knives. Or meat and vegetables can be turned into a sausage machine, which with a slight alteration can be turned into a sausage machine. The spectators were very much interested in this operation. Finally the wizard can make ice-cream, turning out in fifteen minutes enough ice-cream for fifty people. This machine may be regarded as a sort of family maid-of-all-work, useful every day in the week.

For the butcher, flat there is a useful little butcher grill, a very neat little stove which will boil, fry, and grill as well as make toast, and do so cheaply that it will cost less than a halfpenny to grill a steak. The firm exhibits a great variety of lamps and lighting arrangements, two of which are exceptionally novel and effective—a method of lighting a small space outside a sitting-room, or of lighting a room without it. It is said that several London hostesses have adopted the idea of setting an artificial garden on a balcony, perhaps in conservatory with painted backcloth depicting a part of their own country gardens. The effect when this is flooded with artificial sunshine is very good, and still better under artificial moonlight. The other idea, which might very well be adopted by basement restaurants, is to have a room flooded by a light set outside the windows and passing through fine golden-coloured curtains. The illusion of real sunlight is surprisingly good.

THE BANK OF CHINA.

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(Specially Authorized by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917).
Authorized Capital: \$50,000,000
Paid-up Capital: \$18,278,000.00
Reserve Fund: \$3,029,425.24

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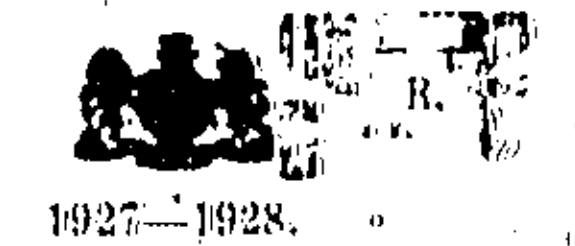
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YOUR visiting cards neatly and promptly printed—"China Mail" Office, No. 5, Wyndham Street, Telephone Central 22.

NOTICES.



SEALED TENDERS will be received at the R.N. Hospital until 10 a.m. on the 21st March, 1927, from persons desirous of supplying Eggs, Mutton, Poultry, Pork, Bread, Cheese, Butter, Milk, Aerated Waters, Ice, and other provisions, and necessaries for the year ending 31st March, 1928.

Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the R.N. Hospital.

The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.

H. J. CHATER,
Surgeon (Commandant), R.N. Hospital, Hong Kong.
10th March, 1927.

LAMMERT BROS.

AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS
AND SURVEYORS.

Public Auctions.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Registrar, Supreme Court to sell by Public Auction

ON
SATURDAY, 12th March, 1927,
commencing at 11 a.m.
at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.
A Quantity of Jewellery
comprising:—

Bracelets, Gold Wrist Watches,
Chain Bracelets, Small Chains,
Pendant Rings, Rings in case,
Pairs of Ear-rings, Brooches,
Rings, Tie Pins, Jade Pieces,
Ear-rings, Diamond Bracelets,
Tie Clip, Neck Chain, Watch
Chain, Diamond Ear-rings,
Diamond Rings, Jade Rings, Jade
Brooches, Jade Necklace, Gold
Articles in Tray, Cuff Links etc.,
etc., etc.

(Removed to the Sales Room from
the Wang Cheong Hing Kee Shop,
of 8, Lyndhurst Terrace,
ground floor.)

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers,
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1927.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH CO., LTD.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited):—

Hamatico, from Tokyo.
Tzeto, from Tientsin.
Abdy, Yacht Warrior, from Paris.
Lyon, from Shanghai.

E. V. JESSEN,
Superintendent
Hong Kong Station, Mar. 10, 1927.

EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO.

List of Unclaimed Telegrams
lying in E. E. Telegraph Office,
Hong Kong.

Petrovich, Kowloon, from Shanghai.
Meyer Hanimpexco, from (Remscheid Billedinghausen).
Yatsinoda, from Tegal.
Shiner, from Victoria B.C.
Battor, from Bangkok.

D. D. Wood, Hong Kong Hotel,
from Manila.
Cravath, American Yacht Warrior (2) from New York.

E. A. LEGGATT,
Superintendent,
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1927.

NOTICES.

HONG KONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the Hong Kong Engineering & Construction Company, Limited, will be held in the Office of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1927, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1926, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 23rd March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
S. COURTNEY COOK,
Secretary,
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1927.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 5, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd March, 1927, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th March, 1927, to the 23rd March, 1927, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG-SHAN,
Chief Manager,
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on MONDAY the 28th March, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1926.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927.

H.K.V.D.C.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS FOR THE WEEK.

THE A.S.C. CADRE.

Particulars are given to-day (in the weekly orders) of the newly-formed Army Service Corps Cadre of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

The following promotions and appointments took effect from March 7:—

Pte. A. Gillard to be Company Sergeant-Major.
Pte. B. E. Maughan to be Company Quarter-master-Sergeant.

Pte. C. H. Dodson to be Sergeant.
Cpl. L. S. Greenhill to be Sergeant.

Pte. T. D. E. Pendered, M.C., to be Sergeant.
Pte. J. K. Bousfield, M.C., to be Lance-Corporal.

The following is the composition of the Army Service Corps Train Cadre:—
Major H. E. Standage, O.B.E., O.C. Train, to be appointed Supply Officer.
C.S.M. A. Gillard, Train Sergeant-Major.

C.Q.M.S. B. E. Maughan and Lee, Cpl. J. K. Bousfield, M.C., Headquarters Driver.
Lt. A. H. Gillingham and Sgt. T. D. E. Pendered, M.C., Ammunition Section.

Lt. F. S. Harrison and Sgt. C. H. Dodson, Supply Section.
Lt. T. G. Weall and Sgt. L. S. Greenhill, Baggage Section.

Transfers.

The following are transferred to the Army Service Corps Cadre:—
Pte. A. Gillard, Reserve Co.; Pte. B. E. Maughan, Reserve Co.; Pte. C. H. Dodson, Reserve Co.; Cpl. L. S. Greenhill, Reserve Co.; Pte. J. K. Bousfield, M.C., A.C. Co.

Strength.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:—
Spr. R. J. Vernal, Engineer Co.; Pte. T. D. E. Pendered, A.S.C. Cadre.

Pte. A. McGrann, No. 3 Platoon.
Pte. A. G. Mohammed, No. 3 Platoon.

Pte. A. K. Rahumet, No. 3 Platoon.
Pte. F. A. M. Rosario, No. 4 Platoon.

Pte. W. Loureiro, No. 4 Platoon.
Pte. R. Gomes, No. 4 Platoon.

Pte. V. A. Neves, No. 4 Platoon.
Pte. H. G. Williams, A.C. Company.

Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—
2 Lt. N. L. H. Ralton, Artillery Co., from April 6 to March 1, 1928.

2 Lt. A. K. Mackenzie, Scottish Co., from March 6, till return from duty in Shanghai.

Serjt. M. A. Johnson, M.M., Engineer Co., from March 15, to March 14, 1928.

Pte. E. A. Brodie, Mounted Infantry Co., from March 1 to Feb. 28, 1928.

Corpl. C. S. Coom, Engineer Co., from March 19 to January 18, 1928.

Resignation.

Pte. R. H. Blake, Mounted Infantry Co., is permitted to resign.

Notice.

Programmes for the annual rifle meeting are now ready and can be obtained on application to the Orderly Room.

Rendezvous.

The rendezvous for all officers taking part in the Kirkpatrick Reconnaissance Scheme on Sunday, 13, at Repulse Bay beach at 1 p.m. This rendezvous is arranged to enable officers of all branches of the Corps to co-ordinate their plans.

Recruits Parade.

On Thursday, all recruits of the Corps will parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

Signal Class.

On Thursday at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. under 2/Lt. M. G. Noll, O.C.'s Units will detail men whom they wish trained as signallers to attend and submit a list of names of same to Headquarters.

M.I. & A.C. Co's.

Musketry Part I will be fired at Stonecutters on Sunday, March 13.

Range Officer: Lt. R. L. Moncrieff.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform, drill order with helmets.

Arms: Must be drawn from Headquarters to-day between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6, and to-morrow between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

No. 1 Platoon.

Musketry Part I will be fired by the above at Peak Range this Sunday.

Range Officer: 2/Lt. H. Owen Hughes.

Firing will commence at 9.20 a.m.—last tram up 9 a.m.

Dress: Mufti or uniform optional, but belts, braces and pouches must be taken in addition to rifle and bayonet.

Arms: Will be drawn as detailed for M.I. and A.C. Companies.

Scottish Company.

All Platoons will parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday for Vickers Gun instruction.

Dress: Mufti, belts, rifles and bayonets.

Sunday, March 20.—Kirkpatrick Reconnaissance Scheme. All wishing to participate will inform O.C. Company by telephone (K7) by Monday. Cars will be arranged. O.C. Company looks for a good turnout to assist in the competition.

Musketry Programme.

The following are the provisional arrangements made for firing of Part I, Table "T." These dates are subject to alteration.

Sunday, March 13, M.I. and A.C. Co's.
Sunday, March 20, Scottish Co.

THE NURSING HOME.

WHAT DOES THE PUBLIC THINK?

COMMITTEE'S DIFFICULTY.

Is the scheme for the provision of a War Memorial Hospital or Nursing Home to be modified in view of the greater Hospital provisions since the scheme was inaugurated?

Are part of the funds to go towards the provision of playing grounds for the Services?

The difficulties with which the Committee concerned are faced include that of the collection of most of the money in hand specifically for the Nursing Home and the fact that in order to retain the grant from the Estate of the late Granville Sharp it is necessary that any modification of the scheme should not be at variance with that already approved by the Court.

The cost of the original scheme, it is now estimated, will be \$1,406,988. Whilst in June last the funds at the Committee's disposal was \$976,759 with a liability of \$36,756 for the approach road now completed.

Peak Hospital Extension?

The scheme could be modified by extending and improving the present Peak Hospital or the erection of a smaller Nursing Home than that proposed at sites such as Caroline Hill, the old Sanatorium site at Magazine Gap and other places.

If such a modified scheme was proceeded with the Government might refund the money spent on the Stubbs Road site and take it over in which event there would be \$1,416,759 available out of which it would be possible to allocate \$300,000 for Services Playing grounds.

These are some of the difficulties which the Committee are facing at the present moment and if these modifications were decided on as advisable, then it would be necessary to obtain the consent of subscribers and trustees authority to utilise such subscriptions for these purposes up to the required amount.

Sunday, March 27: Infantry Co.
Sunday, April 3, M.I. and A.C. Co's.

Sunday, April 10: Engineer Co.
Sunday, April 17, Corps Rifle Meeting.

Monday, April 18, Corps Rifle Meeting.

Sunday, April 24: Artillery and Engineer Co's.

Sunday, May 1: Scottish Co.
Sunday, May 8, Infantry Co.

Sunday, May 15, Reserve Co.
Sunday, May 22, Reserve Co.

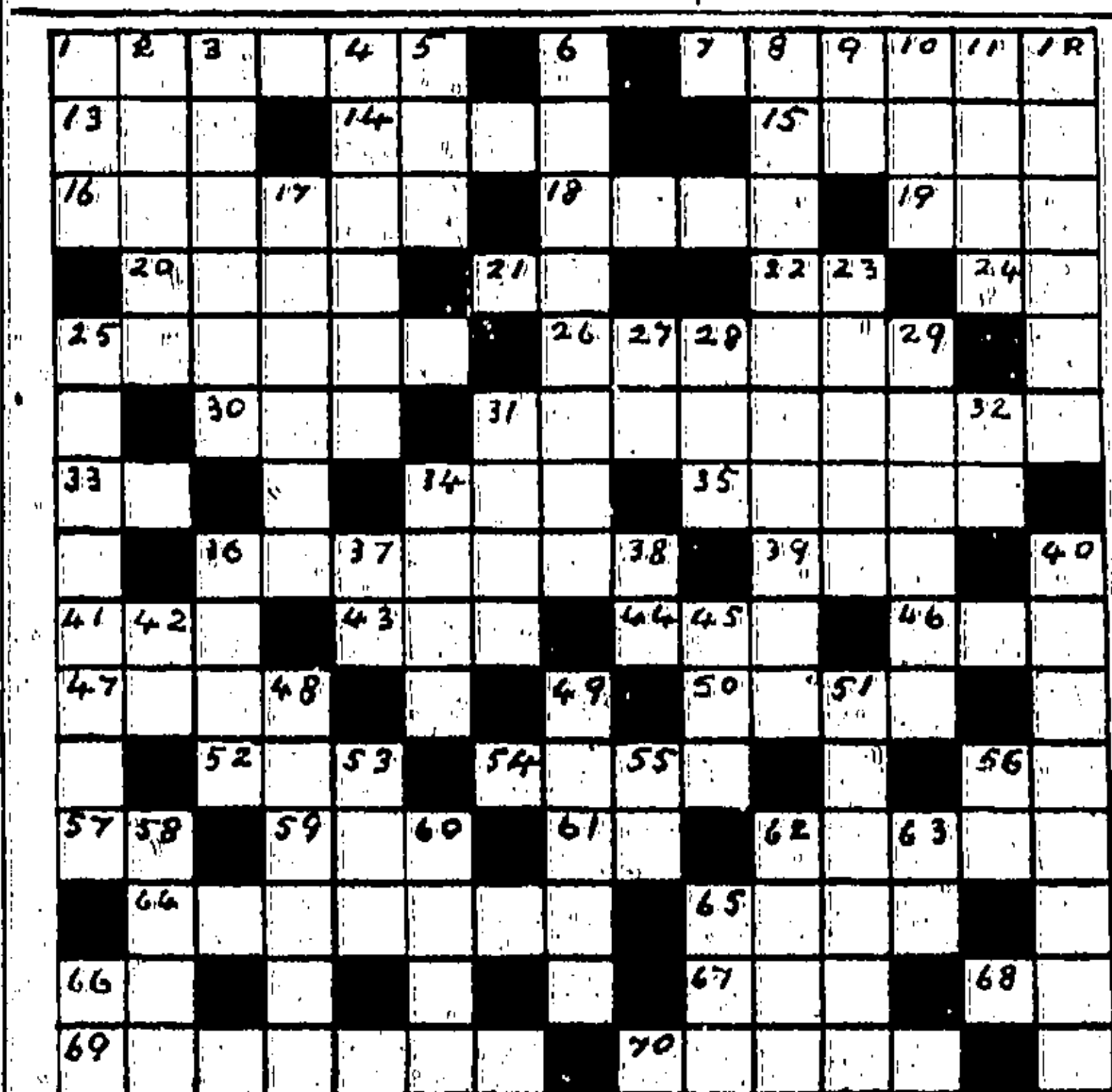
Sunday, May 29, Casuals.
Sunday, June 5, Casuals.

"CHINA MAIL" CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

NO 8—\$50 MUST BE WON

FIRST READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY THROUGH.

1. The PRIZES in this competition are AWARDED STRICTLY on MERIT.
2. Each solution sent in must be made on the coupon cut from the "China Mail." Any number of solutions may be sent in.
3. An entry fee of fifty cents must accompany each coupon. Three entries, however, may be sent in together for one dollar. Letters sent through the post must not contain coins as they will not be delivered by the Post Office.
4. No entry will be considered under any circumstances whatsoever, unless entry money for each solution is enclosed.
5. Entries must reach the office of the "China Mail" not later than the time and date for closing announced on the coupon.
6. No responsibility is accepted for loss or delay in the post. All letters should be registered and/or sealed.
7. The prize of \$50 must be won and will be awarded for an all correct or nearest correct solution. In the event of ties the \$50 will be divided. No competitor may win more than one share of the prize in each competition.
8. The coupon must not be defaced in any way. All attempts must be in plain block letters and legible.
9. The Editor's decision will be final and binding in all matters of dispute, and he reserves the right to enter into correspondence regarding the competition.
10. Solutions will be published with the results, in this paper, every Thursday following the Closing Date.
11. Coupons will be kept for four days after the results of the competition have been published.
12. All letters must be addressed, "China Mail" Cross-words, c/o "China Mail" Offices, No. 5, Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.
13. No member of the staff of the "China Mail" will be allowed to compete.
14. Solutions are held under sealed cover and in no way will be opened until the close of the competition.



To "China Mail" Cross-words,"

c/o "China Mail" Offices,

No. 5, Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.

DEAR SIR,

I agree to abide by your rules, and I enclose.....

for..... solution (s) which are attached.

Name.....

Address.....

[Please Write in Block Letters.]

CLOSING DATE FOR COUPONS, MONDAY, MAR. 14.

[Coupons received at the "China Mail" Office after mid-day on Monday will not be included in the competition.]

Clues Across.

1. A disease which consumes.
7. To rush about.
13. Part of the verb 'to be'.
14. RUHR (actual).
15. A Christmas carol.
16. The celebrated philosopher's name.
18. Give attention.
19. ONO (actual).
20. Tidy or clean.
21. Father.
22. Printer's measure.
24. T P (actual).
25. A genus of Lamiales plants (the sage).
26. A case with wood straps around.
30. Dry wines.
31. Talked idly.
32. A Memphis god.
34. A digit of the foot.
35. Office-bearer in church.
36. Beloves.
39. A girl's name.
41. Expresses negation.
42. A friend or chum.
44. To possess.
46. A song in two parts.
47. Entangled piece of string.
50. From which young birds are produced.
52. To seize.
54. At what time?
56. Marking an alternative.
57. Same as 22 across.
59. Obtained.
61. The indefinite article.
62. Having zones.
64. Bacteria or greenish.
65. TEPS (actual).
66. Bone.
67. A British order (abbrev).
68. Denotes situation in place.
69. To stretch out.
70. To break.

Clues Down.

1. A tin container.
2. A place of contest.
3. Upright columns (architect).
4. Amatory.
5. To hurry.
6. A teller of a thing.
8. A condition of uncertainty.
9. In this manner.
10. One plus one equals.
11. An annual fast of forty days.
12. Ran away with.
17. An inn.
23. Of necessity.
25. To scatter on sparingly.
27. Same as 33 across.
28. Consumed.
29. Fears.
31. Fuel.
32. ER (actual).
34. A drop of secretion from lachrymal gland.
39. Well-known English college.
37. DP (actual).
38. Same as 9 down.
40. A fence round a house undergoing repairs.
42. Not off.
45. A cyst.
48. A rope and pulleys tackle.
49. A groove.
51. Searches in the dark.
53. A serpent.
55. A printer's measure.
56. OE (actual).
58. A bird's home.
60. Ancient system of weight in Scotland.
62. An Indian ox.
63. N S (actual).
65. A bill.
69. Bone.

Competitors are reminded that the prize is to be awarded for the correct solution, or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution, for the NEAREST correct solution. Therefore, even if you have not done the cross-word puzzle in full, send in what you have done—it may prove to be the nearest correct solution.

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M.V. REMO sails on or about 5th April.

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* Calls Los Angeles.

SOUTH AMERICA via Japan, Honolulu, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.
ANYO MARU Tuesday, 3rd May, at Noon.
BOKUYO MARU Wednesday, 8th June.

MARSEILLES, LONDON, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via Ports.
KITANO MARU Saturday, 12th March, at 11 a.m.

HARUNA MARU Saturday, 26th March, at 11 a.m.

XAMU MARU Saturday, 9th April.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.
TANGO MARU Wednesday, 23rd March, at 11 a.m.

AKI MARU Wednesday, 20th April.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.
TAKETOYO MARU Friday, 18th March.

MAYEASHI MARU Saturday, 26th March.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.
TOYOHASHI MARU (Calls Saigon) Saturday, 12th March.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.
HAKATA MARU Saturday, 26th March.

BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.
SADO MARU Sunday, 13th March.

AKITA MARU Tuesday, 15th March.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.
NAGANO MARU Saturday, 19th March.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
AKI MARU Saturday, 19th March.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
PENANG MARU (Direct Mail) Sunday, 13th March.

DURBAN MARU Wednesday, 15th March.

MORIOKA MARU Saturday, 19th March.

ATSUTA MARU Tuesday, 22nd March.

For further information apply to:- NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

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s/s "CAPT. FAURE" 15th April.
s/s "SI KIANG" 15th May.

s.s. "SI KIANG" due to arrive from DUNKIRK, LONDON, HAVRE about the 21st March.

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Steamer	Sailings from Marseilles	Arr. at Hong Kong & Sailings for Shanghai & Japan	Sailings from Hong Kong for Marseilles
PORTHOS	A	15th Mar.	16th Mar.
PAUL LECAT	A	15th Mar.	20th Mar.
G. METZINGER	A	11th Feb.	12th Mar.
AMAZONE	B	26th Feb.	26th Mar.
ORONOUX	A	11th Mar.	12th Apr.
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SHIPPING SECTION.

MARINE INQUIRY.

CAUSES OF GROUNDING OF "ASIATIC PRINCE."

Singapore, March 8.
At the conclusion of the Marine inquiry yesterday, into the grounding of the M.V. "Asiatic Prince," the court found that the mishap was due to the following causes:-
An abnormal set of the tide in a direction contrary to that marked on the chart; an uncertain compass error on the course on which the ship was sailing; the fact that Sandegan was mistaken for Cabiao, the latter being entirely obscured by rain at the moment and for some time previous to the accident.

The court also found that, considering all the circumstances, the master would have been better advised to reduce speed and set a course more in the centre of the channel.

The costs of the court were ordered to be paid by the Attorney-General.

\$2,500,000 ISSUE.

INSURANCE OF WHITE STAR VESSELS.

There has been considerable speculation in London as to the manner in which the financing of the Royal Mail Company's deal with the International Mercantile Marine Company regarding the White Star Line would be carried out. It is now understood that a company under the style of the White Star Line, Limited, has been formed to acquire the whole of the share capital of the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company.

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MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kashgar" left Shanghai for this port on March 8, at 2 p.m., and was due here this morning.
The P. & O. s.s. "Khyber" left Singapore for this port on March 9, at 2 p.m., and is due here on March 14, at about 5 a.m.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Yokohama on March 10, at 5.30 a.m., left that port the same evening, and is due at Hong Kong on March 13, at 9 a.m.

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EMPEROR OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 11	July 15	July 19	July 22	July 31
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Aug. 1	Aug. 5	Aug. 9	Aug. 12	Aug. 21
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SUMATRA MARU .. Sunday, 3rd April.

HONOLULU MARU .. Tuesday, 19th April.

SEUNKO MARU .. Saturday, 19th March.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND

MOBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

CANADA MARU .. Friday, 18th March.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.

BINGO MARU .. Sunday, 27th March.

BANGKOK—Via Saigon.

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PARIS MARU .. (From Shan-hai) Wednesday, 15th March.

ARIZONA MARU .. Saturday, 26th March.

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MENADO MARU .. Thursday, 17th March, 10 a.m.

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KALJO MARU .. Sunday, 20th March 10 a.m.

KOTSU MARU .. Thursday, 24th March 8 a.m.

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NYANZA	7,023	16th March	S'gon, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MONGOLIA	10,504	16th March	Marseilles, London
MACE DONIA	11,320	22nd April	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,174	9th April	Marseilles, London, Dunkirk, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hull
DEVANHA	8,355	16th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DELTA	8,097	23rd April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Marseilles and London
NELLORE	8,853	15th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
KHIVA	9,335	15th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,023	25th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MORRA	10,941	25th May	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	31st June	Marseilles and London
MANTUA	10,902	25th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,144	9th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island
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DEVANHA	8,355	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
JANUS	4,824	20th March	Kobe
TILAWA	10,000	22nd March	Kobe
TELESTA	6,236	24th March	Moji & Kobe
LAHORE	5,352	27th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,940	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
JEYFORS	7,048	12th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	8,853	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHIVA	9,335	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MORRA	10,963	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TANDA	6,958	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama

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FUEL RESEARCH.

SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION
ON BOARD SHIP.

REPORTS ON FIFTY-TWO FIRES.

A matter of interest was disclosed in a book issued by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, containing the report of the Fuel Research Board for 1925, and also that of the Director of Fuel Research for the same year.

The work of the physical and chemical survey of the national coal resources, which, it is pointed out, is one of the most important of the research activities, had progressed steadily in the Scottish, North Staffordshire, and Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire areas. The importance of methods of sampling and analysis of coal was being increasingly realised, and might have an important bearing on our export trade, as foreign buyers were becoming more critical as to the quality of coal supplied, and were more and more inclined to purchase to a specification.

Foreign coal producers were alive to this tendency, and were taking full advantage of it. The question of sampling, especially of large commercial consignments, was one of great difficulty, but considerable progress had been made by a special sub-committee dealing with the question.

Laboratory Investigations.

The board say they consider that the work of the survey, both in ascertaining the properties of the various coal seams as they occur and as they are or might be prepared for the market, and in working out methods for the sampling of commercial consignments of coal, is of prime importance to the coal industry of the country, as well as to all large users of coal.

Further systematic work had been carried out to determine the effect on gas, tar, and coke produced, of variations in the temperature of combustion. At the same time, laboratory investigations into the nature of the gas and tar were being continued, while a general research was proceeding with regard to the reactivity of coal.

Bacteriological work at the Royal Naval Cordite Factory, Tipton Heath, had continued with the object of obtaining power alcohol from cellulosic materials. A by-product of this investigation had been the preparation from straw and other vegetable substances of a binder for use in briquette making. It seemed possible (the report says) that the method may produce a cheap and effective binder. The board state that it is too early to venture on any prophecy, but should it be successful, it may have a very important bearing on the low temperature carbonisation problem and the manufacture of artificial fuel from coal dust.

One of the most important events of the year was the appointment of the Royal Commission on the Coal Industry, to which the Director of Fuel Research was appointed an assessor.

Spontaneous Combustion.

In the report of the Director of Fuel Research, Mr. Cecil Howard Lander, an outstanding subject dealt with is that of the spontaneous combustion of coal on board ship. At the request of the Board of Trade an investigation was commenced. A questionnaire was prepared showing the information required in the event of a fire, which was circulated by the Marine Department of that Board. Arrangements were made for a member of the fuel research staff to accompany, where possible, the Board of Trade inspector to any ship arriving in this country with a fire in her coal bunkers or holds. Reports on fifty-two fires were received, and twenty of the vessels concerned had been visited by a member of the staff. The chief points of interest had been:

(a) The distribution of the large and fine coal in the bunkers.
(b) The ventilation of the bunkers and state of the bunker seams.
(c) The method of trimming and working the coal.
(d) The accumulation of old coal in bunkers and pockets.

Investigations on this problem and a study of attendant questions of coal shipping and sampling were being continued.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong on March 11 from Shanghai on the P. & O. "Kashgar," were:—Misses P. and A. Mo, Mr. H. Glover, Mr. J. L. Kimmins, Mr. W. Bowden, Mr. W. Moody, Dr. C. A. Hayes, Rev. A. R. Gallimore, Rev. W. D. King, Miss M. Shumato.

O.S.K. HISTORY.

A copy of "Past and Present" issued by the Osaka Shosen Kaisha has been received by the "China Mail."

Profusely illustrated with maps, charts and photographs, this booklet is useful not only to those interested in shipping but also to world commerce in general.

On May 1, 1926, the O.S.K. had 136 steamers with an aggregate tonnage of about 448,000 tons gross.

SHIPS IN PORT.

This morning there were 66 ocean-going steamers in Hong Kong harbour of which number 25 fly the British flag.

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Canton	MINGSANG	Tues., 15th Mar., at 7 a.m.
Osaka, Y. Moji, Y. Hama & Kobe	KUMSANG	Wed., 16th Mar., at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Sat., 18th Mar., at Noon
Straits and Calcutta	HOSANG	Sat., 19th Mar., at 3 p.m.
T'iau via Swatow & S'hai	MINGSANG	Sun., 20th Mar., at 7 a.m.
Singapore	YUENSANG	Mon., 21st Mar., at 3 p.m.
Kobe via Moji	POOKSANG	Tues., 22nd Mar., at 7 a.m.
Tientsin	CHIPSANG	Tues., 22nd Mar., at Noon
Tientsin via Swatow & S'hai	PAUSANG	Wed., 23rd Mar., at 7 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	POOKSANG	Thurs., 24th Mar., at 3 p.m.
Osaka via Kobe & Moji	KUMSANG	Sun., 27th Mar., at 7 a.m.
T'iau via Swatow & S'hai	HOPSANG	Sun., 27th Mar., at 7 a.m.
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WARSHIPS IN CHINA.

London, March 10.

Notwithstanding extra charges beyond the Admiralty's control, amounting to £1,000,000 the Navy estimates have been reduced by £100,000 to £58,000,000. Provision for new construction has increased £900,000 to £9,983,000.

The programme for 1927 includes the commencement of the construction of one class "A" and two class "B" cruisers, one fleetin leader and eight destroyers, six submarines and two minesweepers. On the other hand the Admiralty has decided not to proceed with the construction of four motor launches included in last year's programme.

Mr. Bridgeman's memorandum points out that progress in new construction last year was hampered by the lack of coal, especially on vessels ordered just prior to the coal stoppage, and those in the early stage of construction.

Causes of Economy.

Among the contributory causes of economy in the naval estimates Mr. Bridgeman mentions the "considerable relief" of the generous contribution of the Malay States towards the cost of the Singapore Base—Reuter.

The China Station.

Mr. Bridgeman's memorandum states that the maintenance of the China Station has necessitated the navy assuming responsibility for the British steamers plying thereon. A dozen of these vessels have been therefore plying under Admiralty charter since the middle of January. It is hoped to terminate the arrangement shortly.

He observes that piracy in the China Sea is rampant but hitherto it has been impossible to obtain co-operation from the Chinese authorities for its suppression—Reuter.

The Coal Stoppage.

London March 10.
Navy Estimates for the coming year show a total expenditure of £58,000,000, representing a reduction of £100,000 on the estimates for last year. Extra charges arising from causes outside the control of the Admiralty, and including the transfer of liabilities due to the coal stoppage from 1926 to 1927, total £1,000,000. The building programme, which, as stated last night, will be retarded pending the results of the proposed Disarmament Conference, provided for commencing the construction of three cruisers, one fleetin of destroyers, six submarines and two minesweepers.—British Wireless.

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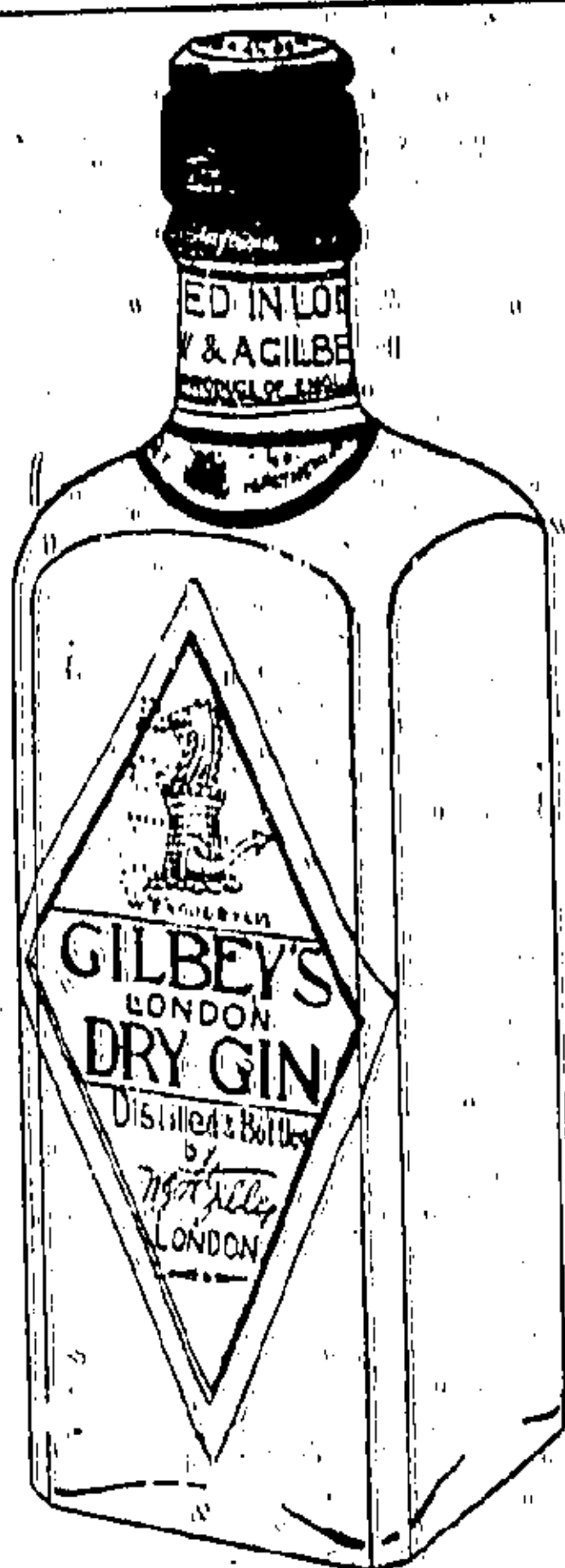
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WAR IN THE AIR.

While fully endorsing the Imperial air policy outlined by Sir Samuel Hoare in the House of Commons yesterday, one cannot at the same time help sympathizing with the Labour suggestion for aerial disarmament. Among flying men it has long been an axiom that a country has no real defence against attack from the air—unless it is to raid the cities of the attacker. There is no need to enlarge upon the results of such a position as that: war in the air resolves itself into repeated bombings until the morale of one side breaks down. That prospect was appalling enough, but now, if the statement made by Captain Garro-Jones in the House of Commons yesterday is correct, there are fresh horrors to be faced. According to Captain Garro-Jones, pilotless aeroplanes have been perfected in the United States capable of flying thirty-five miles and dropping explosives. Captain Garro-Jones asked what would save our cities if a Continental Power developed a distance of a hundred miles and built 10,000 such machines. From the cable reporting the debate it does not appear that any official answer was given to this direct question, consequently the fears implied may be quite groundless. There may even be an adequate defence against an attack such as Captain Garro-Jones described, pilotless aeroplanes possibly being easier to counter than those under direct human control. The point is hardly worth debating, however, for if it is not this horror, it is sure to be another, the possibilities along these lines being of immense range. These facts appear to be appreciated by the rulers of the nations, but the difficulty seems to be to get any concerted action. The British attitude, as the Under Secretary for Air, Sir Philip Sassoon, explained in the House of Commons yesterday, is governed by the urgent call of the Empire for the development of aerial transport and secondly by the im-

perative need of adequately protecting the vital centre of the Empire. When our programme is completed we shall not have the largest air force in Europe. Therefore we cannot in justice to the Dominions and our own safety act alone, or take the initiative in air disarmament. This does not mean, however, that we cannot take certain steps. As things are it would be folly to begin by cutting down our own air forces—which is what we think Sir Philip Sassoon meant—but it does not follow we should take no action at all, and it is encouraging to learn that Viscount Cecil is making definite proposals at Geneva for disarmament.

Labour's Attitude.

To the average resident in the East the attitude of the Labourites at Home with regard to current Chinese topics must appear remarkably strange, particularly as that affects the protection of British residents in Shanghai. It is known, of course, that the Party is honeycombed not only with extreme Socialists but with Communists whose sympathies are always anti-British and pro-Russian. But this does not altogether dispose of the criticisms and questions raised in the Houses of Parliament by Labourites who ought really to know better than wilfully embarrass the Government of the day, no matter what the politics of that Government may be. It cannot be that men whose platform is supposed to be a humanitarian one on the whole are grossly indifferent and callous in regard to the menace to British lives in China. And if their hostile attitude merely owes its origin to a desire to down the Government, be the Government right or wrong, then it seems time that even members of Parliament were put in their place and their cantankerous spirit considerably curbed. There is a time for everything, but the time to pin-prick the Government is assuredly not at the moment when every precautionary measure is being taken to protect the lives of British subjects in China. If the leniency of the Government continues to be abused it is just about time that the constituencies took a hand in the game, which, again, suggests virile propaganda by the China Association and the China Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Case of Ernest Trevor.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir—Trevor is down and out. Let us proceed to spit on him. A safe pastime. Three months in Victoria jail will surely break his spirit.
A noble sentiment, but mine is otherwise.
Mr. Trevor always impressed me as a "white man" in the truest sense, but my acquaintance with him was too brief for me to be emphatic at this juncture.
I did, however, and still do feel that he was unduly handicapped in conducting his own defence, both by an innate diffidence of manner and by ignorance of procedure.
Even to one possessed of a measure of knowledge the task of presenting one's case from a

PUBLIC PEACE.

EMERGENCY REGULATIONS ON MEETINGS.

LATEST PROCLAMATION.

With regard to the prohibition of meetings and processions in the Colony, further regulations under the Emergency Ordinance were issued by the Governor in Council yesterday.

These regulations refer mainly to meetings on board vessels or wharves and read:—

1. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, by order published in the Gazette to prohibit the holding of any meeting which, in his opinion, is likely to be conducted in a seditious or disorderly manner, or at or during which, in his opinion, seditious or disorderly utterances are likely to be advocated or promoted.

2. Except under and in accordance with a permit in writing from the Secretary for Chinese Affairs no meeting whatsoever shall be held on board any vessel (not being or having the status of a ship of war), or on any pier or wharf, whether public or private.

Powers to Police.

3. No person shall take part in any meeting so prohibited, and no person shall, without lawful authority or excuse, be present at any meeting so prohibited.

4. It shall be lawful for any police officer to use any force, and to effect any entry or boarding, which may appear to be reasonably necessary for the purpose of preventing the holding of any meeting so prohibited, or for the purpose of dispersing any meeting so prohibited, and also to search any premises entered or vessel boarded, and to seize any thing which may appear to be evidence of any offence.

Type of Meeting.

5. (1) In any case in which he may consider that the urgency of the occasion so requires, it shall be lawful for the Governor, without consulting the Executive Council and with out publication of the order in the Gazette, to prohibit the holding or continuance of any meeting which, in his opinion, is likely to be conducted in a seditious or disorderly manner, or at or during which, in his opinion, seditious or disorderly matter is likely to be exhibited or used, or at or during which a general strike is likely to be advocated or promoted.

(2) It shall be lawful for any police officer to use any force, and to effect any entry or boarding, which may appear to be reasonably necessary for the purpose of preventing the holding of any meeting so prohibited, and also to search any premises entered or vessel boarded, and to seize any thing which may appear to be evidence of any offence.

(3) Any such order may be proved in any legal proceedings by the production of a certificate under the hand of the Colonial Secretary, and judicial notice shall be taken of such signature on such certificate.

Definitions Laid Down.

6. In these regulations, (a) "Meeting" includes every assembly, gathering, celebration, service and ceremony, whether open to the public or not, and every procession.

(b) "Seditious matter" has the same meaning as in the Seditious Publications Ordinance, 1914, and "seditious utterances" means utterances which if reduced to writing would be seditious matter.

7. The regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 2 of the Emergency Regulations Ordinance, 1922, and published in the Gazette of March 4, 1927, are rescinded.

Note.—These regulations are in substitution for the regulations published in the Gazette of March 4, 1927. Regulation 2 is new. There are also some minor alterations.

legal standpoint and also entering the witness box to give the evidence upon which one's case is founded, presents difficulties.

And it is rare for a man to do himself justice on his first appearance at a police court in the role of principal.

Sheer stage fright is apt to play tricks with him.

I know Trevor intended to give evidence from the witness box. At his invitation, I had endeavoured to shake his testimony by personal cross-examination. Also he intended to give notice of appeal if unsuccessful.

From the reports it would appear that he overlooked both.

If he had had a lawyer, the result might have been the same—but in that case we, the Public, would have no need of self-protection as to his present shreds.

Until Tuesday next, he has the right of appeal. After that we can forget him for three months, for all the good we can do.

Perhaps however there are some sympathisers with the "under dog." My telephone is Central 552.

Yours, etc.

INSTON BROWN.
Hogg Road, March 11.

CHINESE Y.W.C.A.

PASSING OF THE SEVENTH YEAR.

LADY CLEMENTI'S TRIBUTE.

Speaking at the seventh annual meeting of the Chinese Y.W.C.A. yesterday, Lady Clementi referred to the fact that the seventh birthday marked the passing of the patient stage for many little baby boys. She hoped that the future of the Chinese Y.W.C.A. would be marked with steady progress now that this period was passed.

Mrs. Wong Kwok-shuen, (President of the local movement) presided over the meeting.

The annual report was presented by Miss Shin Tak-hing, the acting General Secretary, and commented on the loss sustained by the movement in the departure of Miss N. Elliott. Miss Sarah Glass, who had been transferred from Canton to help with the Girls' and Student work, had been a great help. Other help of considerable value had been given by Miss Wong Yuk-mei and Miss Lai Tuen-1.

Year's Report.

The report referred to the bi-weekly devotional meetings with an average attendance of thirty-three, which had been held, and the classes in English, Chinese, Manchu, Music, Chinese and Foreign Cooking, Home Nursing and First Aid to the injured which had been given Chinese classes for amahs had been held, two Health Centres for children of pre-school age had flourished. Social gatherings for members had been held, meetings held in connection with Junior affiliated clubs for working but suitable club programmes for Chinese girls and the Club premises were used constantly for club meetings, classes, committee meetings and the entertainment of guests. Membership of the Association was three hundred and thirty-five.

With regard to finance it was necessary each year to raise by subscription the difference between expenditure and income. Friends had been generous and the Association hoped that they would extend the support throughout the coming year more particularly as the Association was hoping that the Government would make them a grant of land for the erection of a more suitable building.

Hopes For Future.

In congratulating the Association on its year's work, Lady Clementi hoped that their aims would be fulfilled when the sun shone again and they were in a position to secure land and build a permanent building.

Miss Ting Shu-ching, National General Secretary of the Y.W.C.A. expressed pleasure at being able to attend the meeting of the local branch and spoke in congratulatory terms of the progressive work of the Hong Kong Y.W.C.A.

Continuing she said that one of the greatest troubles in China was the apparent breaking off of international relationships between the Chinese and foreigners, but the Y.W.C.A. could do a great deal because it was an international organisation having associations in 44 different countries. In promoting friendship, the Y.W.C.A. was able to accomplish much.

Lady Clementi a Member.

The Chairman here announced that Lady Clementi had joined the Association and had just paid her subscription.

Mr. Tse Yim-sun, General Secretary of the Hong Kong Y. M. C. A. likened China to an ancient house occupied by old fashioned people, whose family was of the modern type and wrecked the home because it was out of date. He said that everything was destroyed, thus causing a crisis in the family.

The chaotic conditions of China were brought about in the same way, the modernists wrecking the country to modernise it.

Mr. Tse also referred to the amount of work which the Y.W.C.A. could do towards maintaining peace.

The following ladies were elected to serve as Directors—Mrs. Wong Yu-we, Mrs. Yung Ting-shing, Mrs. Lei Ting-sun, Miss Lee, Mrs. Ma Wing-chun and Miss Wing See-koo.

FATAL BLAZE.

FATE OF A CHINESE SMALL BOY.

SERIOUS YAUMATI FIRE.

A rather serious fire which, it is feared, has caused the death of a small Chinese boy, occurred in Portland Street, Yaumati, last night, in a block of 18 Chinese tenement houses. The outbreak started at house No. 27 and fanned by a strong breeze quickly spread and involved the two adjoining houses (Nos. 23 and 25).

When the firemen arrived soon after the alarm was given, the flames already had a good grip on the three houses which were obviously doomed, and it looked as if the outbreak would assume larger proportions. Attention was immediately concentrated on confining the fire to the three burning houses. Engines were quickly got into place and hoses were brought to play on the heart of the fire from three advantageous positions. After a stiff fight the fire was got under control and half an hour afterwards the "all clear" was given, but not before all three houses had been gutted.

The fire was first discovered shortly after 11 o'clock but how it originated has not yet been ascertained. The tenants of the houses ran into the street as soon as the first alarm was given taking with them what little valuables they were able hastily to gather up.

Word went round soon after the firemen arrived a small boy was missing. Several of the fire fighters made brave attempts to locate him but failed, being beaten back by the flames and smoke. A search is now being made among the debris for the lad's remains.

THE FLOWER SHOW.

PRIZES PRESENTED BY LADY CLEMENTI.

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE.

Prizes were presented yesterday afternoon by Lady Clementi to winners at the Horticultural Show.

Introducing Lady Clementi, Capt. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, President of the Society, thanked the exhibitors and donors to the prize fund. Lieut. Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., for the use of the Volunteers Headquarters and Parade Ground, the Judges and other helpers especially Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Hornell who had spent the morning writing the prize cards, etc., and finally the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, one had only to mention his name in connection with a job of work for to know that it would be done with his usual enthusiasm and thoroughness.

He begged all members of the Society not to be discouraged by the almost continual fog during the month preceding the Show which had in many cases destroyed the work of preceding months but to try all the harder with a view to making the 1928 Show a record one. He appealed to members to endeavour to enroll new ones and to give their support to the New Territories Show at the end of the year.

Capt. Dowbiggin also mentioned the possibility of holding the Show earlier next year to defeat the rain and fog and thanked Mr. Green for arranging the wonderful exhibit from the Botanic Garden which had been such an outstanding feature of this year's Show. He also congratulated Mr. Nicholson on his excellent exhibits. They regretted that through ill-health, Mr. Nicholson could not be present that afternoon. He had been a staunch supporter for years past (applause).

Lady Clementi then distributed the prizes. Miss Nancy Hornell presented her Ladyship with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, and the proceedings terminated with cheers for Lady Clementi.

24 LIVES LOST.

RECORD RAINS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

London, Feb. 17. San Francisco.—The heaviest rains on record occurred during the past five days and rendered the situation on the Pacific Coast desperate.

Twenty-four lives were lost and hundreds of ranchers in the Los Angeles district are fleeing to escape from the floods.

Communications with San Diego are cut off, trains being held up by the swollen rivers.

I absolutely refuse to allow any man to rob me of my share in "Magna Charta" or Shakespeare, because of Bannockburn and Flodden.—Lord Balfour.

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AFTER TWO YEARS.

A THIEF RECOGNISED IN THE STREET.

A theft which took place in 1925 had its sequel in Major Willson's Court this morning when a Chinese was sentenced to two months' hard labour for stealing ten rolls of Chinese silk worth \$195.

Serg. Rozakwy said that at the time of the theft two years ago the complainant, another Chinese, was a truck owner who received commissions to transport goods from ships unloading in Hong Kong. On this particular occasion the complainant received the ten rolls of silk from a ship's commodore to transport to the Ting Wo shop in Lin Pong Street and entrusted the goods to the accused to deliver. The accused disappeared with the silk and was not seen again until yesterday afternoon when complainant recognised him near the Naval Yard and had him arrested.

Accused straight away admitted the theft and was sentenced as stated above.

MORE WATER.

FIGURES ABOUT COLONY'S SUPPLY.

HIGHER CONSUMPTION.

On both sides of the harbour, the Colony's supply of water in storage is higher than for the same period last year.

The consumption, however, was greater in February 1927, than in February 1926 and the rainfall to date this year is greater than that of twelve months ago.

On March 1, 1927, Hong Kong had 1,270 millions of gallons as against 836 a year ago. The respective figures for Kowloon are (this year) 297 and (last year) 154.

Per Capita Quota.

The quantity used rose from 184 million gallons in February 1926 to 191 million gallons last month. These figures are for the island. For Kowloon they are 134 and 210 respectively.

Per head per day, the return also shows an increase, as follows:—Hong Kong, from 16.5 gallons to 16.7; and Kowloon from 13.7 to 14.5.

Every one of the six reservoirs on the island and the three on the mainland is below overflow, this being due to the fact that the present time is the end of the dry season. Only the Tatum Reservoir and Pokfulam Reservoir had less water on March 1 than on the same day last year.

Increase in Population.

The population estimated as using water from the reservoirs is given as:—Hong Kong 409,340 and Kowloon, 158,980—increase of (roughly) 10,000 and 5,000 people over last year.

Kowloon had a full supply in February, both in 1926 and 1927. In February 1926, the riders mains were in operation throughout the month in Hong Kong. On the first three days of last month, the island also had a full supply. During the remaining part of the month, districts west of Garden Road were subject to restriction but other parts of the island had a full supply.

Once again, the Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

OBITUARY.

MR. W. KNIGHT'S TRAGIC DEATH.

POPULAR REVENUE OFFICER.

The death is to be recorded of Mr. William Knight, of the Revenue Department, whose body was found in a room at the Craven Road Cricket Club yesterday evening with a bullet wound in his temple and his service revolver near by.

News of his death will be learned with sincere regret by many colleagues and friends, and the deepest sympathy will be extended to his widow, two daughters, one of whom is four years old and the other eighteen months, and brother, Mr. P. S. Knight, of the Sanitary Department here.

Deceased had seen service with the Police force and Revenue Department, having arrived in the Colony in 1910 as a Police officer and transferred to the Revenue Department four years later. After four years war service he returned and for a time was acting Senior Revenue Officer.

The funeral takes place this afternoon, passing the Monument at 5.15. Capt. Page's Funeral.

The funeral of Capt. Charles E. Page took place last evening at Happy Valley Cemetery, there being many China Coast officers and members and officers of Victoria Lodge of Freemasons present.

The service was taken by the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave.

The chief mourners were: Miss Page and Mrs. Haigh, deceased's daughters and amongst those present were:—Capt. R. Innes, Capt. Hall, Mr. C. E. Brock and many others.

There were many wreaths sent by friends and associations to which the deceased belonged. Among them were: "From Edith and Carmen" (deceased's daughters), China Coast Officers Guild, Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders, Victoria Lodge No. 1026 E.C. Mr. and Mrs. Pope, Mr. and Mrs. P. Lanigan, Capt. and Mrs. R. Innes, Mr. G. A. Lawrence, Mr. B. Remedios, Miss C. Stanham, and "Set Row."

The late Mr. Wm. Harris.

The funeral of the late Mr. William Harris, formerly the proprietor of the Harris Store, who died of heart failure at his residence at No. 513, Nathan Road, Kowloon, took place yesterday morning at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, at Happy Valley. There was a large attendance of friends and relatives and many floral tributes were laid on the grave.

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FOR "black and blue" bruises, sprains of wrists and ankles, strains of cords and muscles, stubbed toes, cuts, burns and other mishaps of childhood, Chamberlain's Pain Balm always gives relief. Does just as much for older people too. Ease their rheumatic pains, backache, neuralgia, and rub it on the sore spots. Said and recommended everywhere.

PRIZE DAY.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL AT KOWLOON.

LIST & CERTIFICATES.

Annual prize day at St. Mary's School was observed on Wednesday in private.

The Rev. Father Spada gave away the prizes and certificates, as follows:—

Special prize for integrity and unselfishness (voted for by the School staff):—Teresa Sanchez.

Lady Clement's 1st prize for cookery: Dulce d'Aquino; 2nd Olga Ribeiro.

Lugard Scholarship for the years 1927-1928: Bella Pestonji.

Dr. A. S. Gomes Scholarships for regular attendance:—Class 1, Marie dos Remedios; Class 2, Carmen da Silva; Class 3, W. Wong, and C. Silva; Class 4, Irene Colacao; Class 5, A. Marques and Sarah Abdulla; Class 6, M. Chan and C. Gomes; Class 7, Violet Wong; Class 8, Maria Wong.

Senior Local certificates and prizes:—1st, Teresa Sanchez; 2nd, Dulce d'Aquino; 3rd, Marie dos Remedios and Olga Ribeiro.

Junior Local certificates and prizes:—1st, Carmen Silva; 2nd, Regina Ribeiro and Mercedes da Rosa (distinction in biblical knowledge); Julia Kiu Vah (distinction in Mandarin); and Julia Yau.

Class 3:—1st, Bella Pestonji and Cynthia Alves; 2nd, Wilhelmina Wong; Olga Eca da Silva and Ines Remedios.

Class 4:—1st, Edris d'Aquino; 2nd, Mina Danenberg; Rosario Fernandez and Helena Silva.

Class 5:—1st, Joaquina Fernandez; 2nd, Pura da Eca and Amalia Abdulla; Sarah Abdulla, Carmen Pereira.

Class 6:—1st, Maria Matos; 2nd, Gloria d'Almada; Dorothy Noronha; Constanze Gomes.

Class 7:—1st, Hilda Gann; 2nd, Beatrice Pestonji and Violet Wong; Betty Rodriguez; Margaret Ng.

Class 8:—1st, Mary Wong; 2nd, Geraldine da Rosa and May Cheung; Regina Fernandez; Dorothy Rodriguez; Helena Ribeiro and Mary Heung.

Infant Classes:—1st, Filomena Goncalves; 2nd, Maria Brito, Annie Ng, Evelyn Xavier and Aurea Gill; Nydia Osmund; Norma Goncalves; Cremilde Osmund; Mina Kor; Betty Alves; Betty Tavares and Olga Brito; Margaret Botelho; Madge Maxwell; Pilar Manuel; Leonor Goncalves; Elsa Gutierrez; Rosie Leong.

Prizes for Portuguese.

Preparatory Class:—1st, Maria Matos; 2nd, Cynthia Alves.

First Class:—1st, Maria Pura da Eca; 2nd, Teresa Goncalves.

Second Class:—1st, Edris d'Aquino.

Third Class:—1st, Sari Remedios; 2nd, Carmen Silva.

[The Headmistress and staff of St. Mary's School wish to tender their most grateful thanks to Lady Clement for awarding the Cookery class prizes to their pupils.]

THEFT OF A SHIRT?

CHARGE AGAINST CHINESE CARPENTER.

A Chinese was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning with the theft of a white flannel shirt, the property of Commissioned Warrant Officer Johnson of H.M.S. "Hollyhook" which is in dock at the Naval Yard.

A. B. Duncan said that when he entered the engineers' cabin yesterday afternoon, he saw the accused take the shirt from a drawer. When the accused saw him he "smelt the shirt and put it back." Witness had him arrested.

Mr. Holford said the accused was a carpenter and had no business in the cabin.

Accused who denied the charge said he was laying linoleum on the cabin floor together with other workmen, and he elected to call one of them as his witness.

A remand was given until tomorrow morning.

MISSING AIRMEN.

CAFE ARRIVAL AT CAPE JUBA.

Raris, March 10.

Missing Uruguayan airmen have arrived safely at Cape Juba. Reuter.

The Uruguayan airmen Major Jorge and his brother, left Cape Juba on a report of Morocco on February 28, to fly to Las Palmas, having started from Rome on February 20 to fly to South America. Their plane was found smashed in pieces 60 miles north-east of Cape Juba, in Spanish West Africa. Apparently the airmen alighted at sea owing to a breakdown and sought refuge on the beach, but came to grief when crossing the bar of the river.

Mrs. V. T. Southon is to give away the prizes at the annual distribution of the Central British School, Kowloon, on March 15 at 5.30 p.m.

While the s.s. "Kwansung" was at the quarantine anchorage yesterday afternoon an unknown Chinese jumped overboard. A lifeboat was immediately lowered and a search made, but the man did not reappear.

FACTORY INCIDENT.

CHARGE OF MALICIOUS DAMAGE.

INTIMIDATION ALLEGATION.

In Mr. R. E. Lindsell's Court yesterday afternoon six Chinese, all former employees of the M. Y. San Co., were charged on remand with maliciously damaging a biscuit making machine in the Company's factory. The machine was valued, according to Sergt. Rozesky, at between \$10,000 and \$12,000. One of the accused was further charged with having attempted to make two other employees stop work by threatening them.

The facts as given in Court by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks for the prosecution were as follows: Owing to reorganisation of the business several foks were dismissed by the Company with the promise that as many as possible would be re-employed after the committee meeting. The meeting was duly held soon after the Chinese New Year festivities and many old hands were re-engaged. First accused, however, was not amongst those who were re-instated. As a result three of the other accused refused to be re-engaged unless first accused was given his old job back. They were allowed to stay out.

Machinery Parts Missing.

When business was resumed on February 23, however, certain parts of the biscuit making machine were found missing and work could not proceed that day. Next day the manager received a visit from the first three, accused who undertook to find all the missing parts if No. 1 would be reinstated.

The manager agreed and the accused returned to the factory where they found 16 of the missing parts of the machine. Two other parts could not be accounted for, however, and therefore the manager refused to re-engage any of the men and gave information to the police.

When searched after his arrest first accused had in his possession a letter from Canton which contained the statement that the present employees of the M. Y. San biscuit factory would be dismissed and former workers of the Canton branch of the Sincere Company taken in their places.

Threats To Other Workers?

With regard to the intimidation charge, first accused was alleged to have told one of the workers to "look out" if he did not quit work. Another man was threatened in his own home in Tai Yuen Street.

When accused denied the allegation and challenged the prosecution to produce the intimidated men, both were brought into Court and one of them said accused told him to be "careful" if he disregarded his instructions to quit work.

Mr. D. L. Strellett appeared in Court, a few minutes after the case had started, to represent one of the accused. He asked for a remand to prepare his case.

This the Magistrate refused to grant, remarking that the defendants had had three days in which to instruct their lawyers.

Lawyer Leaves Court.

Remarking that he could not do justice to his client's case on such short notice, Mr. Strellett withdrew from the case and forthwith left the Court.

In his evidence the manager of the factory said sixth accused who was one of the re-instated men was subsequently dismissed because it was one of the conditions which the other accused insisted upon before they would agree to replace the missing parts of the machine.

His Worship remarked that he did not see any reason why the case against sixth defendant should not be dropped, and Mr. E. S. C. Brooks (prosecuting) admitted that the case against him was not very strong.

The police said this man was arrested at the request of the factory manager who suspected that he was in some way connected with the dismantling of the machine.

In discharging the accused, who was represented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, His Worship told the manager that the treatment the accused had received was improper.

After further consultation with Mr. Brooks the Magistrate discharged the second and fifth accused as the evidence merely showed that they knew of the scheme, but did not take part in it.

The other three men's case was adjourned until this afternoon.

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TABLES TURNED.

ARMED ROBBERIES CATCH TARTAR.

SEQUEL IN THE COURT.

Six Chinese were charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon with attempted armed robbery at No. 12, Hau Pui Lung, Kowloon. The case against three of the men was withdrawn by Sub-Inspector Fallon on the ground of insufficient evidence.

Proceeding with the case against the others the police officer said the men went to the house at 7.30 p.m., on February 17 and knocking at the door represented to be visitors. When the door was opened the other four tackled the unsuspecting house master's brother—the man who had opened the door. This man struggled pluckily and shouted for help. This brought the master out, and he attacked the six men with a bamboo pole. They were forced to run away before this man's resolute onslaught. Chase was given and the first accused was caught by a constable on the Kowloon City Road. He gave information which led to the second man's arrest in a Mongkok timber yard. He in turn took the police to No. 346, Portland Street where the other four accused were arrested.

All the accused made statements to the police accusing one another.

The Magistrate convicted all three men and sentenced them to two months' hard labour each.

"DRUNKENNESS."

B.M.A. COMMITTEE DETAILS THE SYMPTOMS.

DIFFICULT TO DIAGNOSE.

London, Feb. 17.

That there is not a single symptom due to alcohol which may not be a sign of some other pathological condition is the conclusion of the Committee appointed by the Council of the British Medical Association.

The report presents tests for drunkenness, consequent upon the number of Court cases where drunkenness is alleged, and denied, especially where the defendant was in the charge of motor cars.

The Committee, which included general practitioners, police surgeons, magistrates, scientists, and the Services, expresses the opinion that "drunk" should mean that the person concerned was so much influenced by alcohol as to have lost control of his faculties to such extent as to be unable to execute safely the occupation in which he was engaged at the material time.

The Committee recommends, in the absence of pathological conditions, that a person is definitely drunk if his breath smells, providing there is a combination of all or most of the following symptoms:—Dry and furred tongue of excessive salivation, insolence, abusive language, loquacity, excitement, disorder of dress, suffusion of the conjunctivae, reaction of the pupils, confusion and loss of memory, hesitancy, thickening of speech, impaired articulation, tremors and errors of co-ordination and orientation.

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BESSARABIA.

ITALY RATIFIES THE TREATY OF 1920.

ANGER IN MOSCOW.

London, March 10.

There are rejoicings in Roumania and anger in Moscow at Italy's ratification of the Bessarabian treaty of October 1920, which Britain and France hitherto only have ratified. The Foreign Minister at Bucharest has formally announced the ratification at a special sitting of Parliament. He said that the union of Bessarabia with Roumania was now an accomplished fact and mentioned that Roumania had re-established her legation in Tokyo, expecting that Japan also would ratify the treaty.

Premier Averescu in the Senate said that Italy's belated action was due to the failure of negotiations between Rome and Moscow.

"Izvestia" of Moscow, in an editorial, says that Italy's action was taken a fortnight after the British Note to Russia and is openly unfriendly. It declares that the Soviet Union would never recognise the ratification as binding on Russia.

Enthusiastic demonstrations are being held in Bucharest which was decorated with flags.—Reuter.

BRINGING UP THE CHILD.

Advice on how to bring up children was given by Dr. J. A. Hadfield at the conference of health visitors and school nurses at Bedford College for Women.

When people thought of training a child they invariably thought of the child as being self-willed and inherently naughty, said Dr. Hadfield. They constantly neglected the other side of the child—namely, its amenability, sociability, and suggestibility.

The only proper and right way to bring up the child was to appeal to its suggestibility, and this was strongest during the first four years of the child's life. From 4 to 8 years was a period when there was very little suggestibility in the child. Between these ages a child was a reasoning being, and wanted a reason for everything it did.

Dr. Hadfield spoke of the folly of two parents differing in their treatment of their children. It would be for better if both parents were absolutely lenient with a child, or if both were really strict. It was very harmful if the father wanted to chastise the child and the mother tried to prevent his doing so in the child's presence. As regarded corporal punishment, to apply this to a boy between the ages of 4 and 8 years far more harm than good would be done, because it was terribly humiliating for him, and only tended to make him rebellious.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Nearly 10,000 Scots, many wearing kilts, gathered at the Albert Hall for the annual Burns Night Concert.

The annual report on the work of the Statistical Office, Straits Settlements, for the year 1926 has been issued. This surely constitutes a local record for early publication of a Government report, exclaims a Singapore paper.

Captain Geoffrey Malins and Mrs. Charles Oliver, who are touring the world on motorcycles on a filming expedition, have arrived at Cairo. They are the first to ride motorcycles along the entire North Coast of Africa after crossing from Gibraltar.

Three Chinese cases of smallpox were notified on Thursday from the city district, all the cases being designated as "imported." This, it is taken, means that the patients are not residents but came here from somewhere else. A Chinese case of enteric fever (typhoid) was also included in the returns.

A Matinee will be held at the Helena May Institute on Thursday 17th March at 5.30 p.m. Tickets including Tea 50 cts. each, must be booked at the Secretary's Office before noon on the 16th inst. Items will be given by the following:—Mrs. Hargreaves Brown, Mrs. Russell Brown, Mrs. Balan, Eng. Lieut. Comdr. A. S. Redell, R.N.

Three members of a sanatorium in the Canton of Bar-sur-Loup, near Nice, have been prosecuted for going about naked. They are "simple lifers," and although they allege that they are merely taking sun baths and that they wear short drawers, possibly impermeable at a distance, they have shocked the neighbouring peasants. The magistrate has found them guilty of indecency.

According to the "Malay Mail," no further news is to hand with regard to the disappearance of Mr. Clarke of the Customs Preventive launch "Pikat," who on the night of Feb. 9, was lost when out in a small boat chasing alleged rubber smugglers on the Sungai Serang Buaya, in the company of others from aboard his vessel, and the commander of the "Riwak," Mr. Fowler. An inquest, it is stated, will be held at Batu Pahat in the magistrate's court.

The Bank of East Asia, Ltd. has issued a folder in unusual design, giving the balance sheet at Dec. 31, 1926. The assets of the Bank are certified as \$16,277,646.82.

The Swiss Club in Singapore is being rebuilt at Bukit Timah. This is the senior Singapore Club and has a 300 yards rifle range, a fresh water swimming bath and a skittle alley. It is hoped to open the new pavilion on August 1.



Rear Admiral C. S. Williams, who commands the U. S. naval forces in China and has general charge of the Helenta situation involving the protection of American residents and property.

William Knox, head of the Bowery Savings Bank and a former President of the American Bankers' Association, has committed suicide. He became depressed when three of his sisters confessed that they had stolen \$20,000, and lost it at the races.

President Coolidge recently pressed a button which exploded the last charge in connection with the Moffett tunnel on the Denver-Salt Lake City railway. This is 6½ miles in length, and is the longest in America. It will shorten the transcontinental route by 200 miles.

Representative doctors and several of the big insurance companies in Bengal are discussing a scheme under which everyone would be medically examined once a year free of charge.

Mr. Chakravarti, editor of "The Bengalee," who now is a member of the Government of Bengal, in a signed editorial says: "All methods of boycotting and wrecking the Constitution have failed, and it is time to resort to constitutional means."

The quarterly report of the Mercantile Marine Service Association states that the New Year has ushered in a promising era for the British Merchant Service. It is, of course, dangerous to prophesy, states the report, but, everything considered, the Council are of opinion that 1926 saw the worst of the trade depression. There is no occasion for surprise at the depressing figures of new ships built in British shipyards during the past year.

"A working man uses certain adjectives not necessarily reproachfully, but in terms of affection," said Mr. Justice Eve, referring to complaints against strong language in a bakery, and granting an injunction to restrain the bakery from carrying on business in a manner annoying to nurses who sleep in adjoining premises. He gave the bakery three months in which to make structural alterations to prevent the nurses overhearing the language. "Even Y.M.C.A. men in like circumstances might do likewise," he added.

The "Straits Times" puts the following conundrum: Why is it that when nominated non-officials take their places on Colonial legislative councils they are so feebly devoid of constructive criticism? Why do they lose confidence in themselves and in the public whom they are placed on the councils to represent? Is it that they become over-awed by a certain assumption of superiority in mental equipment on the part of official members? There are professional and commercial men sitting on councils to-day who are capable enough in their own business circles, as numbers of their competitors know from experience. It is strange then why they cannot bring to bear the same force on the councils which has earned them substantial positions in life in other spheres. So far no satisfactory answer has yet been produced so the conundrum remains unsolved.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The death has taken place at Penang of Mr. Louis Gautier, of the Penang Harbour Board, at the age of 66.

It has been announced that Mrs. Jennette Andrews, the dancer appearing in "Lido Lady" at the Gaiety Theatre, was married on January 21 to Lieut. Jack Dale, R.N., who has since sailed for China.

The "Kashgar" brought down a good many through passengers from Shanghai and Tsingtao. Among those landing at Hong Kong were Mr. H. Glover, Mr. J. L. Kimmins, Rev. A. R. Gallimore, Rev. W. D. King and Dr. C. A. Hayes.

Information has been received from Hong Kong from Mr. Oon Khye Beng, the Malayan Queen's scholar, that he has been awarded the King Edward scholarship of the Hong Kong University. The winning of two scholarships by the same schoolboy is unique, remarks a Singapore paper. Mr. Oon Khye Beng passed from St. Xavier's Institution, Penang.

Blues will predominate the new colours in women's clothes, but yellows and mauves will also be worn, says the "Weekly Dispatch." Browns, beiges, vasheds and Air Force blue will be the fashionable spring suitings, modelled on Air Force officers' war-time dress. Dainty slits will replace the pouch pockets. A "mannish" jacket-coat, with a long roll collar, and semi-double breasted only slightly displaying the blouse, is to be adopted. The skirts will be plain and only knee-length and close-fitting.

A brightly decorated and airy room is being made ready at Buckingham Palace for the infant Princess Elizabeth, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of York, now on their way to New Zealand and Australia. The Princess, with her nurse, will go "into residence" at the palace on the day on which the King and Queen return to London from Sandringham. The Queen, who has charge of her granddaughter, inquired about the accommodation for the Princess before going to Sandringham, and the room now being transformed into a nursery will not be far away from the bedrooms of the King and Queen. No room at Buckingham Palace that could be properly termed a nursery. It was to Mrs. Bill, the housekeeper of Buckingham Palace, that the Queen entrusted the work of getting the room ready. Mrs. Bill, known as "Lalla" to members of the Royal Family, was in the Queen's service as nurse, when Princess Mary was born, and she also nursed the children of Princess Mary.

Mabel Normand, famous movie star, is reported to be seriously ill with pneumonia. Her temperature is 103. She is one of America's leading film stars.

Sir Frederick Jackson, the new Governor of Bengal left yesterday morning for India to take up his post, states a British wireless message from Rugby. There was a large gathering at Victoria Station to see him off, including the Premier, Countess Winterton and the Nawab of Behar.

THE KING OF SPAIN ILL.



Madrid, March 10.—An official bulletin states that King Alfonso is confined to bed with influenza. There are local pleuro-pulmonary symptoms on the right side.—Reuter.

It would be interesting to know the exact strength of the 2nd Battalion of the Coldstream Guards when it sailed. I am informed that the 1st Battalion is so depleted in numbers that the Irish Guards have to mount guard in London on alternate nights as there are not enough officers or men in the 1st Battalion of the Coldstream to do their full tour of duty, says a "Daily Mail" writer. Actually the strength of a battalion is very elastic. There is the war-time strength, and the Colonial strength, the peace-time strength being the weakest. The 2nd Battalion of the Coldstream departed, I am told, at Colonial strength. If any other battalion from the Brigade is sent to China it will probably be the 1st Battalion of the Scots Guards. The Irish Guards are now last on the roster for foreign service, being once more brigaded. Until the departure of the 2nd Battalion of the Coldstream, however, they were unselected and it was quite a toss whether they or the Coldstreamers would go to China.

The film star, Harold Lloyd, has been made "barned" of the Ancient Order of Frothblowers as the result of telephonic conversation between the comedian in New York and Sir Alfred Fripp, in London.

Brighton's famous world's oldest twins, Matthew and Mark Gunn, who the King recently congratulated on their 94th birthday, have been offered a theatrical career by a Paris agency. The twins replied that they never aspired to a stage career, but if the agency thought they were of sufficient interest to curious-minded people they would be prepared to consider the attractive offer.

Lieutenant-Commander Wilfred St. Aubyn Malleon, R.N., who won the Victoria Cross at the Dardanelles, disappeared from the Crescent Hotel, Chelsea, a few hours before his wedding was to take place. He left in Chelsea while his fiancée, Miss Collinson, of Dudley Mansions, St. John's Wood, and her friends were making final preparations. They assembled at the Church and the Vicar also attended but the bridegroom failed to appear. Mrs. Collinson announced that the marriage was postponed. Her daughter was greatly distressed. Commander Malleon's friends believe they know his whereabouts and state he is ill.

Few people outside the Foreign Office know much of Mr. Owen O'Malley, who, as acting, Counselor of the British Legation in Peking, has been co-operating with Sir Miles Lampson in his negotiations with the Chinese. Yesterday I heard a number of interesting facts about him, says a "Daily Mail" writer in mid-week. Mr. O'Malley, it seems, is a man whose tastes would not naturally lead him to the East, his greatest happiness lying in country life. In England his poultry, pigs, and garden are his constant preoccupation and his hobby has won exhibition honours. His patience and industry with bees, indeed, are quite out of the ordinary. One year when flowers were few he transferred five hives, one by one to a hothouse common over four miles away. A man with such patience as this has at least one qualification for success in the labyrinth of Chinese diplomatic parleying. Mr. O'Malley's father lived and worked for eleven years among the Chinese. His great uncle, whose name was Charles O'Malley, gave his name quite involuntarily to a work of fiction once popular in this country and still much read in America—"Charles O'Malley, the Irish Dragon." Charles O'Malley, engaged at what he took for portraiture, sent the author, Charles Lever, a challenge. It is related, however, that the challenge was refused and when they ultimately met they struck up a strong friendship.

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TO-MORROW'S PROSPECTS.

Four clubs will have to say farewell to the Hong Kong Football Association challenge shields to-morrow.

Strictly, that may not be correct as one or more replays may be necessary but the result will be the same in the end. Fixtures are—

SHIELD SEMI-FINALS.

Senior Division (kick-off 4.30 p.m.)

Royal Artillery v. Kowloon F.C. (holders), Sookumpoo "A" ground, referee Mr. Dawes, linesmen Mr. Lonsdale and Mr. Gilmore.

Police R.C. v. 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers, H.K.F.C. ground, referee Mr. Baldwin, linesmen Mr. Phillips and Mr. Lamb.

Junior Division (kick-off 2.30 p.m.)

Kowloon F.C. Reserves v. Hong Kong F.C. Reserves, Sookumpoo "A" ground, referee Mr. Gilbert, linesmen Mr. Mackie and Mr. Omar.

Chinese Athletic "A" v. 2nd King's Own Scottish Borderers' Reserves, H.K.F.C. ground, referee Captain Austin, M.C., M.M., R.A., linesmen Mr. Stokes and Mr. Cowan.

{Extra time will, if necessary, be played in all the Shield ties, 10 minutes each way.

LEAGUE, DIV. II.

Section "A" (kick-off 3 p.m.)

South China Reserves v. University, South China ground, referee Mr. Samy.

Chinese Athletic "B" v. Club de Recreo Reserves, St. Joseph's ground, referee Mr. Lamb.

Section "B" (kick-off 3 p.m.)

South China "B" v. Kowloon "B", Sookumpoo "B" ground, referee Mr. Gilmore.

Of widespread interest will be the fate for it is the success of the senior holders, Kowloon Football Club, who will be facing sound opponents. At one time Kowloon could not get over the boggy of playing on enemy territory. The way they trounced the Recreo at King's Park has put an end to the hoodoo.

Good soccer is assured, with a rare tussle between Kowloon's halves (led by the Interport pivot, Sims) and the neat Artillery forwards. The holders and ex-champions will be without Frank Wheeler in the last line. I shall not be surprised to see the Gunners win (writes W.P.C.) but Kowloon are on their mettle at the moment.

Possibly the winners of the first tie may lift the senior shield for the season. In the second, the Police engage the Borderers—on neutral soil.

The way that the Police have come on in the last two months has been very encouraging. Can Wynne (Police right-back) hold up the dangerous left wing of the Kosbies, made up of the Rev. F.P.W. Alexander and McGlinchey? This will be the titbit of the match.

Even if the Police are apt to do strange things they should hold their own on current form. But here's the rub. The Borderers are very fit and if they can keep the "bobbies" out at first, they ought to break through in the end.

At the moment, there is a likelihood of an all-military final. Need one read between the lines to know that the tip is for the R.A. and the K.O.S.B. to reach the final?

In the junior shield, the semi-final ties are also down for decision to-morrow.

The titbit of the series will be the match between the Athletic "A" and the Kosbies' Reserves. The infantrymen have not tasted defeat in the League and should win to-morrow. It also looks as if the victors in this tie will ultimately be the winners.

Kowloon's Reserves are also engaged at Sookumpoo where the Hong Kong F.C. 2nd XI provide the opposition. Kowloon should reach the final and do so at the first time of asking.

Only Kowloon and the Kosbies have two teams left in the Shield. The former should get one victory with the possibility of a second and the soldiers ought to have a double.

Last year Kowloon beat the 1st East Surreys in the senior final. In the junior circle, the Surreys' Reserves beat Recreo Reserves. It will thus be seen that only one of last season's finalists is engaged, the two Surreys' XI's are not here and the Recreo Reserves have been knocked out.

Three junior league matches are also down on the card but none has a bearing on the respective championships.

Mr. E. de Sousa, football secretary of the Club de Recreo, writes to say that his club's 1st XI (senior league leaders) are to meet the Royal Air Force at King's Park to-morrow, kick-off at 4 p.m.

MARATHON SWIM.

AFTER YOUNG'S SCALP & £5,000.

A GIRL CHALLENGER.

New York.—Mrs. Lottie Schoemmel has accepted the challenge issued by Mr. Wrigley, who announced that he is willing to back George Young, the hero of the Catalina Channel swim, for \$5,000 "against the world," over a 20 or 30 miles swim anywhere, provided the race is swum under rules similar to those governing the Catalina contest.



George Young, the 17-year-old Canadian youth, who has gained fame and wealth by his victory in the Catalina Island channel swim.

lar to those governing the Catalina contest.

Mrs. Schoemmel proposes to swim around Manhattan Island.

Norman Ross has also accepted Mr. Wrigley's challenge. He suggests a swim from Honolulu to Molokai, across the Kaiwi Channel, a distance of 23 miles.

[Mrs. Schoemmel established 21 records last year, and put up a record for the Manhattan Island swim of 14 hours 11 min 6 sec.]

Cheque Deposited.

Another report reads—

Toronto, Feb. 20.

C. J. Brooks the steam and motor car manufacturer, has deposited a cheque for 25,000 dollars in answer to a challenge by Mr. Wrigley, who offered to back George Young, the winner of the Californian swimming race, for a like sum against all comers, the winner to receive a prize of 50,000 dollars.

It is stipulated that the race be open to swimmers all over the world and be held on Labour Day of this year over a thirty-one mile course from Youngstown, New York State, to Toronto Exhibition Grounds.

SISTERS AS SWIMMING CHAMPIONS.



Encouraged by the success of George Young, the 17-year-old Canadian who won the Wrigley prize for swimming the Catalina Channel, Misses Olga and Irene O'Byrne, daughters of Young's manager, have decided to compete for United States swimming titles. Olga, who is 12 years old (left), is the juvenile long distance swimmer. Irene is reported to be engaged to George Young. Photo shows the Misses O'Byrne with trophies they have won in swimming competitions.

NOT ASSASSINS.

SHANGHAI FORCES SOCCER CHALLENGE.

CHINESE AMAZEMENT.

London, Feb. 14.

Sir Percival Phillips special correspondent of the "Daily Mail," writing from Shanghai says: "Once more the Chinese are profoundly

HOME SOCCER.

Defeated Cup Team Wins in League.

After being knocked out in the 6th round (last Saturday) of the F.A. Cup, Swansea won yesterday (states Reuter), defeating Notts Forest by the odd goal in three.

This division II league match was played at Swansea.

puzzled by the incomprehensible British.

The belief, acridly fostered by the Cantonese agents, that the new Shanghai Defence Force is largely composed of blood-thirsty assassins of formidable appearance who delight in the slaughter of women and

WOMEN RUNNERS.

1ST CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY 32-YEAR LADY.

HOME CROSS-COUNTRY.

London, Feb. 12.

The first national cross-country championship race for women, at Lutonhoo Park was won by a 32-year-old lady, Miss A. Williams of Littlehampton.

Her time was 15 mins. 25 secs. for 2½ miles.

Oxford's Easy Victory.

London, Feb. 12.

In the annual cross-country race Oxford beat Dublin University by 15 points to 40.

RIFLE MATCH.

ROYAL MARINES v. OLD COMRADES.

Royal Marines lost by 35 points to the R.M. Old Comrades Association in a rifle match at Stonecutters this week.

Teams were 12-a-side, best 8 to count. Scores:—

Old Comrades Association:—Mr. Gossett 125, Mr. O'Neill 122, Mr. Frith 112, Mr. Grimmit 111, Mr. Williams 109, Mr. West 99, Mr. Collins 96, Mr. Young 86—Total 860.

Counted out: Mr. Rooney 75, Mr.

LOCAL LEAGUE FOOTBALL TABLES TO DATE.

Division I.									
	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.		
Club de Recreo	11	8	2	1	33	15	18		
Kowloon F.C.	18	6	2	5	23	14	14		
Police R.C.	12	6	2	4	11	12	14		
Chinese Athletic	12	5	4	3	18	22	14		
Scottish Borderers	13	6	1	6	20	19	13		
Royal Artillery	13	5	2	6	18	19	12		
Hong Kong Football Club	11	6	1	5	13	15	11		
South China A.A.	13	2	0	11	6	28	4		

Division II, Section "A".									
	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.		
Borderers' Reserves	14	13	1	0	53	12	27		
R.A. Reserves	14	9	1	4	25	13	19		
Chinese Athletic "A"	14	8	2	4	31	21	18		
R.A. Reserves	13	8	1	4	21	12	17		
Kowloon Reserves	14	6	3	5	25	17	15		
St. Joseph's College	14	6	2	6	31	19	14		
Recreo Reserves	14	6	3	6	27	23	13		
H.K.F.C. Reserves	13	5	2	6	18	22	12		
University	11	5	0	6	18	17	10		
South China Reserves	12	2	0	10	6	37	4		
Chinese Athletic "B"	14	0	0	14	8	56	0		

Division II, Section "B".									
	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.		
St. Joseph's Reserves	14	11	2	1	47	15	24		
Moslem Club	14	12	0	2	36	9	24		
Chinese Athletic "A"	13	6	2	5	15	14	14		
South China Boy Scouts	13	6	1	6	20	13	13		
H.K. Bank Portuguese	14	5	1	8	17	31	11		
Chinese Athletic "B"	13	4	0	9	19	24	8		
Kowloon "B"	13	2	1	8	15	29	5		
South China "B"	12	2	0	10	16	33	4		

children has been rudely shattered.

Climax Reached.

Sir Percival goes on to describe the Chinese amazement on the landing of the 2nd Battalion of the Gloucestershire Regiment and the 2nd Battalion of Durham Light Infantry to find smiling, light-hearted, stalwart British youths, evidently imbued with a spirit of good-fellowship and light-heartedness, despite the fact that their billets are in a grimy coalyard, far away from the city kennels.

Finally, the Chinese decided that the "new oppressors of China" were quite mad, when the soldiers had games of leap-frog on landing from the transports, following the day's physical "jerk."

The climax of the Chinese amazement was reached when the soldiers challenged the Chinese to soccer matches.

For their (away) league II match against Club de Recreo at King's Park at 2.15 p.m. to-morrow, the Hong Kong Cricket Club 2nd XI will be represented by:—P. Jacks, H. J. Armstrong, R. C. Burgess, S. J. Jordan, G. P. Lammert, R. W. Lee, D. E. G. Nicholson, Pritchard, J. A. Summers, C. D. Wales, W. Wooding.

RUGGER MATCH.

H.K.F.C. v. SUBMARINE FLOTILLA.

Although they were a try down at the interval, the rugby section of the Hong Kong Football Club defeated the 4th Submarine Flotilla yesterday (on the Club ground) by 11 points to 3.

Chances were missed by both sides but, generally, the rugger was good and there were plenty of thrills.

Lt. Turnbull scored for the Submarines before half-time but the kick at goal failed.

After changing ends, Bowker touched down for the Club and Wales converted.

The Club took the lead through unconverted tries by Lammert and Pritchard.

Result:—Club 11 points (1 goal, 2 tries), Submarines 3 points (1 try).

Players Wanted.

The rugby section of the Hong Kong Football Club are holding an organised practice at Happy Valley at 5.30 p.m. on Monday next.

All players and prospective players are asked to make every effort to attend.

It is hoped that it will be possible to arrange more frequent matches and to give games to all who desire them.

Will all who wish to play please send in their names and position in the field to Mr. C. D. Wales, c/o Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.

The entrance fee and annual subscription to the Hong Kong Football Club are each \$5 and the same should be paid to the treasurer, Mr. J. B. Milne, c/o Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

TENNIS TOUR.

English Ladies in S. Africa.

Bloemfontein, Feb. 19.

The British ladies' lawn tennis team beat the Orange Free State by five matches to nil.

Miss Dix beat Miss Bidwell, 6-0, 6-4.

Kennedy, 6-1, 6-0.

Miss Saunders and Miss Fry beat Mrs. Schwarz and Miss Higgs, 6-1, 6-1.

Mrs. Watson and Miss Fry beat Mrs. McHardy and Mrs. Gill, 6-1, 6-0.

Mrs. McHardy and Miss Dix beat Mrs. Clarke Kennedy and Miss Bidwell, 6-4, 8-6.

FROM CHINA.

Another Soccer Team For Australia?

Brisbane.—Among the passengers by the steamer "Aki Maru" from the East which arrived at Brisbane recently was K. Kwong, representing the Shanghai Football Association.

When interviewed Mr. Kwong stated that the object of his visit to Australia was to discuss with the Australian Soccer Football Association, Ltd., a proposal to send a Chinese Soccer team to Australia this year.

INTERPORT SHOOT.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1927 MATCH.

SINGAPORE'S EFFORT.

The annual interport shooting match will be shot off between April 15 and May 31. The actual shoot will probably be on Sunday, May 29.

The match is open to teams from Shanghai, Hong Kong, Penang and Singapore, picked from residents who have resided in the port for at least six months. Members of any units of the Army and Royal Navy stationed in the port are eligible to shoot, say the "Straits Times."

The conditions for the shoot will be the same as for the King's 1st Stage of the previous year (i.e., National Rifle Association).

The last time Singapore won the shield was in 1914. Last year Shanghai took first place with Hong Kong second and Singapore a good last.

This year Singapore intend to make a determined effort to get back "the ashes," and frequent practices have been arranged during the next two months.

[The last time Hong Kong won was in 1925].

TENNIS TOURNAY.

OPEN DOUBLES BEGIN YESTERDAY.

The open doubles at the Hong Kong C.C. annual tennis tournament began yesterday.

In the open singles, Major W. B. Stevenson repeated his victory of last season over S. A. Hussain and qualified to meet Ng Sze-cheung in the 2nd round. M. W. Lo also won in straight sets. Results:—

Open Singles.

First Round:—Major W. B. Stevenson beat S. A. Hussain, 6-1, 6-0, 6-2; M. W. Lo beat Major C. Willson, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.

Open Doubles.

First Round:—T. Ema and T. Edo beat F. J. Remedios and C. A. Barretto, 6-8, 6-2, 6-1, 6-1.

To-day's Matches.

Open Singles:—E. C. Fincher v. M. K. Lo; Yaw Man-tsun v. T. D. E. Pendered; Lu Tak-cheuk v. J. W. Leonard; C. Choa v. R. M. Henderson; J. Casumbhoy v. T. Sajiki.

Open Doubles:—T. Honda and H. Akiyama v. Dr. J. R. Craig and W. L. B. Sparrow.

Club Championship:—R. K. Valentine v. F. A. Redmond.

Handicap Singles "B":—P. E. Barker (rec. 4/6) v. H. C. Macnamara (rec. 15/8).

Handicap Doubles:—M. M. Watson and Dr. J. C. Macgown (rec. 15/2) v. H. J. Armstrong and S. M. Garrard (rec. 3/6).

PARIS CLUB WINS.

London, Feb. 19.

Paris.—The Sporting Club de Paris won all six matches in the day's play of the lawn tennis tournament against Queen's Club.

DAVIS CUP.

PROSPECTS OF ALL-INDIA TEAM.

NOTES ABOUT PLAYERS.

Allahabad, Feb. 4.

Following their recent decision the All-India Lawn Tennis Association has issued a challenge in the Davis Cup competition and most probably the India team will be made up of Dr. A. H. Fyze, R. D. England of Bombay, and Krishna Prasad. The last-named, who is now in Europe and will shortly go to England, has been having trouble with his wrist, but it is hoped he will have completely recovered in time for the competition.

It is recognised that this is not the best team possible, but Slem, Jagat Mohanlal and Andran cannot go and it is rightly felt by the Association that India should enter even with a weak team.

Improving Youngsters.

There are many young players coming on in the right way and the opinion here is that time must or may come when India will figure with distinction in the Davis Cup as she did a few years back.

S. M. Jacob has definitely retired and none of India's best to-day are young men—Slem is in the early thirties but one wonders whether he can ever improve with the type of game that he has made his own. Besides E. V. Bobb, Raghubir Dayal, Robson and Moha there are five ex-Cambridge tennis "blues" in India at present:—S. M. Hadi, C. Ramaswami, Jag Mohan, D. R. Rutnam and Sunder Das—so the outlook is considered bright.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY "CAPS."

London, Feb. 13.

The Irish rugby team to play against Scotland on February 26 has been chosen as follows:—

W. E. Crawford (Lansdowne); J. Ganly (Monkstown); G. V. Stephenson (North of Ireland); F. S. Hewitt (Instonians); J. H. Gage (Queen's University); Sugden (Wanderers); E. Davy (Lansdowne);

T. Pike (Lansdowne); W. F. Browne (Army); Bradley (Dolphin); J. D. Clinch (Wanderers); J. Farrell (Beetive Rangers); C. F. Hanrahan (Dolphin); J. MacVicker (Collegians); C. T. Payne (North of Ireland).

"OVER!"

London.—Harry Bagshaw, a former Derbyshire county cricketer, who was a noted fast bowler, and who died in mail week at the age of 65, was buried, at his own request, in an umpire's white jacket with a cricket ball in his hand. The body was taken 30 miles through many Derbyshire towns in which he had played, villagers lining the route.

U.S.A. TENNIS.

Philadelphia.—W. T. Tilden, Manuel Alonzo (Spain), Harada (Japan), W. M. Johnston, and Chandler, are the national ranking tennis players.

The association declined to consider Vincent Richards and others who have turned professional.

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EXPERIENCES OF LUISA TETRAZZINI.

The famous prima donna writes in a contemporary—

All the world will agree that a sense of humour is essential to success in every form of art. It is the universal solvent, the amulet against every kind of blunder, the one touch of nature which makes the whole world kin. Like all the other arts, and perhaps more than most, music needs this saving grace.

If I may be allowed to cite my own experiences, I would say that I have never allowed any mishap to affect my singing. I have laughed at troubles, and laughed them away. I have always found that a sense of humour is the most helpful thing in the world in aiding one to preserve that perfect balance of the emotion which enables a singer to radiate the human quality and thus gain any hold the sympathy of an audience.

I remember that during my American tour in 1920 I acceded to the request of the United States Government to broadcast for the benefit of their sailors, many of whom were more than 800 miles away. Although it was my first experience before the microphone, it was regarded as a great success, and a member of the Government, on complimenting me, asked me to sing my favourite song for the boys. To his amazement I sang the refrain—

How dry I am
Nobody knows.

This appealed to the American sense of humour, as it has been the popular song of American youth since the introduction of prohibition.

On another occasion I was asked to appear at the Senate Chamber, in Sacramento, California, where the Governor of the State gave me an audience, and invited me to sit in his chair for five whole minutes.

"You are the Governor of all California now," said he. "How would you like to dictate a new law for us?"

"That I should," I replied. "Let every man drink what he likes." Every member of the Senate laughed, but the Governor, without sadness, replied: "Madame, I wish it were possible, but I fear your request has exceeded even my authority."

During a tour through Mexico the Governor asked me to remain in the city as his guest for a few days' rest. As I was anxious to get on with my engagements I had to decline. Before I reached the end of my journey serious floods overtook my party. The tracks were washed away, and the water mounted higher and higher; cutting off all means of escape for a day or more. I had lost all my baggage, and had to put up in a dingy, cold room in an hotel, part of which had been washed away.

Alas!

When the rescue party arrived they saw floating about on the top of the water a life-size poster of myself which had apparently escaped from my luggage. Some of the men shouted: "Look! look! Tetrazzini is floating on the water!"

The news was broadcast, and as the story travelled it became highly coloured. Finally it was circulated that I was drowned, and a cable to that effect was sent to my home in Italy. It was an amusing experience, though I was sorry my people had been alarmed.

My concert the next day was a marvelous success, partly because many people came to see if I was really alive. The Governor honoured me with a visit after the concert was over, and presented me with a white kid bag filled with Mexican gold coins as a souvenir of my adventure. These are still among my treasures, with the exception of several I gave to Caruso, who was a great coin collector.

"A Trained Band."

When I was travelling in Arizona with the Chicago Opera Company

CURING BY MUSIC.

AMERICAN HOSPITAL'S NOTABLE MOVE.

Curing hospital patients by music? It sounds fantastic, and yet the idea is being put into effect in hospitals in America.

Though a belief in music as a curative factor in disease dates back as far, at least, as the Crimean War, when Florence Nightingale introduced music in the base hospitals, and St. Thomas's, and other London hospitals, in 1860, followed her example by introducing "corridor singing," the hospitals generally have not hitherto adopted the policy.

But Mrs. Isa Maud Isen, who had proved in private nursing, and in hospitals, the soothing value of singing at the patients' bedside, obtained her great opportunity when the world war was in progress. She had charge of American hospitals under the War Department, and American Red Cross, and used music as an aid in surgical, medical, corrective, and reconstruction cases, with marked success.

The same lady originated, organised, and directed musical activities for the New York Tuberculosis Association, and in two years' time had the wards of 15 tuberculosis hospitals in that city under her care, while from many other types of hospitals came requests for her "kind of music."

The "kind of music" is an all-important factor. Any kind will not do.

The Right Kind.

Writing in "The American Journal of Nursing," Mrs. Isen stresses this fact: "By 'organised music,' I mean—(a) music that is rhythmically as to words, character of composition, tone, colour, rhythm, repetition, all so combined as to soothe, to give hope, to stimulate interest in life, to those hearing it; (b) music that is appropriate, that is rightly rendered by the right people, by musicians possessed of a personality to bring cheer, able to go through their part undaunted by any emergency that may arise in the ward, artists who will so render the music they bring that the patients will say—

The music in our hearts we bore
Long after it was heard no more.
The nerves and memories of the sick retain impressions of the music and the musicians much longer and more vividly than do the normally active with many diversions."

"For this reason a group has recently been organised as the National Association for Music in Hospitals, for the purpose of introducing music into hospital life under the jurisdiction, and with the co-operation of the medical heads of each hospital, and to introduce such music, in such a manner as shall be an adjunct to the medical treatment, without infringing any hospital regulations."

Our train became derailed as it was passing through a dense forest, and though the first coach escaped lightly, the people in the second and third coaches were badly shaken and upset, and two negro guards were killed.

Signor Campanini, my brother-in-law, who was the opera company's musical director, tried to calm the artists, many of whom were greatly distressed over the loss of their instruments by holding a concert in the woods. Members of the orchestra took pieces of wood to represent violins and flutes and other instruments. Then the director gave the signal to play a famous Italian opera, and the air was filled with a harmony of sweet sounds from the throats of the players.

Who gave splendid imitations of their various instruments. As the concert progressed one of the players shouted: "Look! look! maestro, even the lions are enchanted with our divine music," and he pointed to an animal standing motionless near by. On closer inspection it proved to be a real lion, one of the mountain variety, occasionally found in North America, and our concert, ended somewhat unceremoniously, every one scrambling to safety.

GREAT SAVOYARDS.

MEMORIES OF MELODY MAKERS.

The great Savoyards who practically devoted their stage lives to the interpretation of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas, commence with George Grossmith, the elder, who began his career as a drawing-room entertainer, and in all his work entertained to the end of his days. He called himself "the society clown," and many of the Savoy parts were written round his "sublime gift of carrying off the ridiculous with an air of preposterous dignity," as a contemporary put it. The parts he created, and in which he endeared himself to half London, were Jack Point in "The Yeoman of the Guard," Ko-Ko in "The Mikado," Sir Joseph Porter in "Pinafore" and Robin Oakapple in "Ruddigore" and Bunthorne in "Patience."

Rutland Barrington is, perhaps, the best known. They said of these that Grossmith had charm and Barrington had presence. The latter was the great Pooh-Bah. Yet he was very worried when studying the part, as he told in his own reminiscences. "At its first rehearsal," said Gilbert, "it is no more my idea of Pooh-Bah than chalk is like cheese," but after a quiet hour or two, together at the dramatist's house all was well.

Richard Temple is another of the first Savoyards. Dick Deadeye was his big success, yet he played Straphon in "Iolanthe" and Sergeant Meryll and the gloomy Sir Roderic Murgatroyd was an almost equal success. And "The Mikado" was one of his best.

Then there was—and is—Courtice Pounds, a lyric tenor of a slightly later date. Colonel Fairfax and Marco are his chief successes. And other notable figures were Walter Passmore and W. H. Workman, who died in India a while ago, after Australia had seen much of his good work in the Grossmith roles. Durward Lely was best known for his Nanki-Poo. W. H. Denny, who once went to Australia with a Shakespearean company, made notable figures of Shadbol and the Grand Inquisitor. But Grossmith's mantle to-day has fallen on Henry Lytton.

The women Savoyards are not so notable, maybe because the female roles are less remarkable but Leonora Braham and Gertrude Ullmer, Jessie Bond and Rosina Brandram all had splendid followings in their day.

Old photographs of Nellie Stewart show that she must have been extremely charming in some of the leading women parts of Gilbert and Sullivan productions. "Iolanthe," "Yum-Yum" in "The Mikado," and "Princess Ida" were particularly brilliant performances. Our theatrical records will show in letters of burnished silver the names of Howard Vernon as Nanki-Poo and Robert Brough as the Lord Chancellor in "Iolanthe," in which his good wife also appeared as a singer of worth before she took over the dramatic-comedy field.

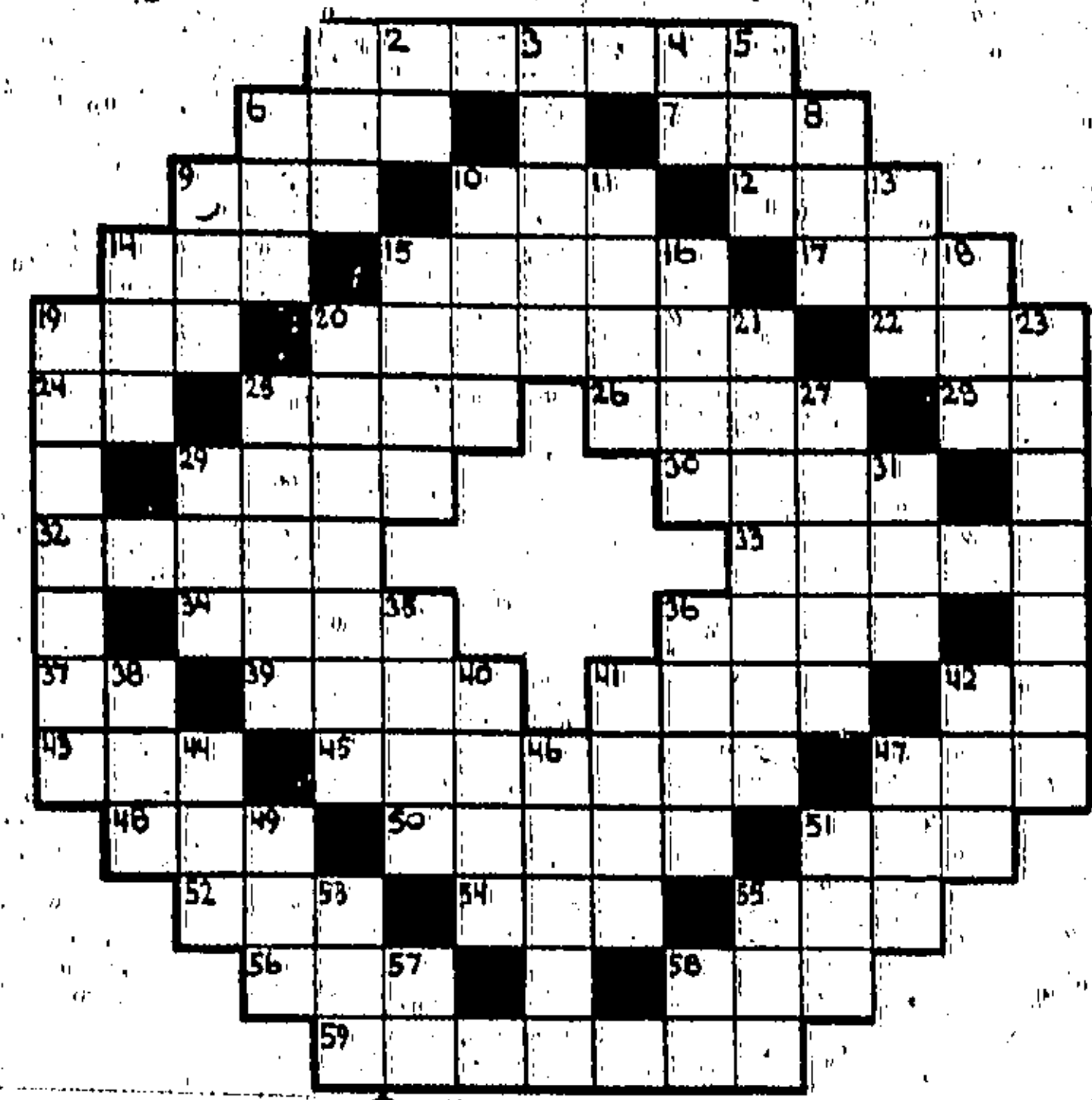
Many will recall sweet Leonora Braham also in the leads. The youthful triumphs of Florence Youngs, Flora Craupner, Violet Varley, Ida Osborne, Wallace Brownlow, Charles Ryley, Henry Bracy, William Elton, and George Lauri were made in Gilbert and Sullivan roles. And George Lauri as Jack Point is said to have been one of the outstanding figures of Australian theatrical history.

Nor must we overlook Maggie Moore, whose Katisha was so fiery that it is told of her that she frightened Leonora Braham almost to a jelly on the first night "The Mikado" was performed.

In an interview in 1919 Maggie Moore gave her own description of it thus: "I was not originally cast for Katisha, but I appeared in an emergency. Leonora Braham was Yum-Yum, and I well remember how she covered away from me when I sang those fierce words at the end of the first act. I really believe she thought I was going to tear her face. I felt all the anger of Katisha, who, after all, is given a pretty bad time."

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

1-Grandiloquent talk
6-River in Russia
7-To haul by a rope
9-Ship's daily record
10-Gave food to
12-Enclosure
14-To make a brief note of
15-A broad flat place of wood
17-A girl's haircut
18-Moist
20-A tune
22-Vessel used for washing
24-Close to
25-Pool
26-Meadow (post.)
28-Ast
29-To wade through
30-Fifth
32-Glides before the wind
33-Approaches
34-Happy
36-Pierces
37-Within
39-Title of address (pl.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

41-Toxic growth
42-You and I
43-Base
46-Answered
47-Place for sleeping
48-Portion
50-Lasts
51-Incline the head
52-Motor fuel (colloq.)
53-Fear
54-Owing
56-Not many
58-Cooking dish
59-Cut down
59-To dismiss in disgrace from the army
60-Heaped
61-Strand of metal
62-Merry
63-False hair
64-Express amusement audibly
67-To bend
69-Spigit
69-Fresh
69-Pouch
69-Pro
69-A continent (abbr.)
72-Nine

VERTICAL (Cont.)

14-A pushing flow
15-A tie
19-Expired
19-Unopened flower
19-A carousal
20-A pirate ship
21-Contaminated
23-Bragued
25-Voting places
27-Fear
28-A fruit
29-Tag
30-Filled
36-Parasol
38-Protuberance
40-Heaped
41-Strand of metal
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(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

OPERA IN AUSTRALIA.

The Australian Press Association states that on the eve of her departure for Marseilles to embark for Australia, Dame Nellie Melba was the guest of the Minister for the Interior at a farewell luncheon. The diva says she intends returning in 1927 to form a grand opera company, which will tour Australia in 1928. Melba took the Ballarat tenor, Matti Bernardi, for an audition by Dohn Gilly, who was so enthusiastic that he wants to teach Bernardi without fee. Dame Melba recently sang duets for the gramophone with the Australian baritone, Wallace Brownlee.

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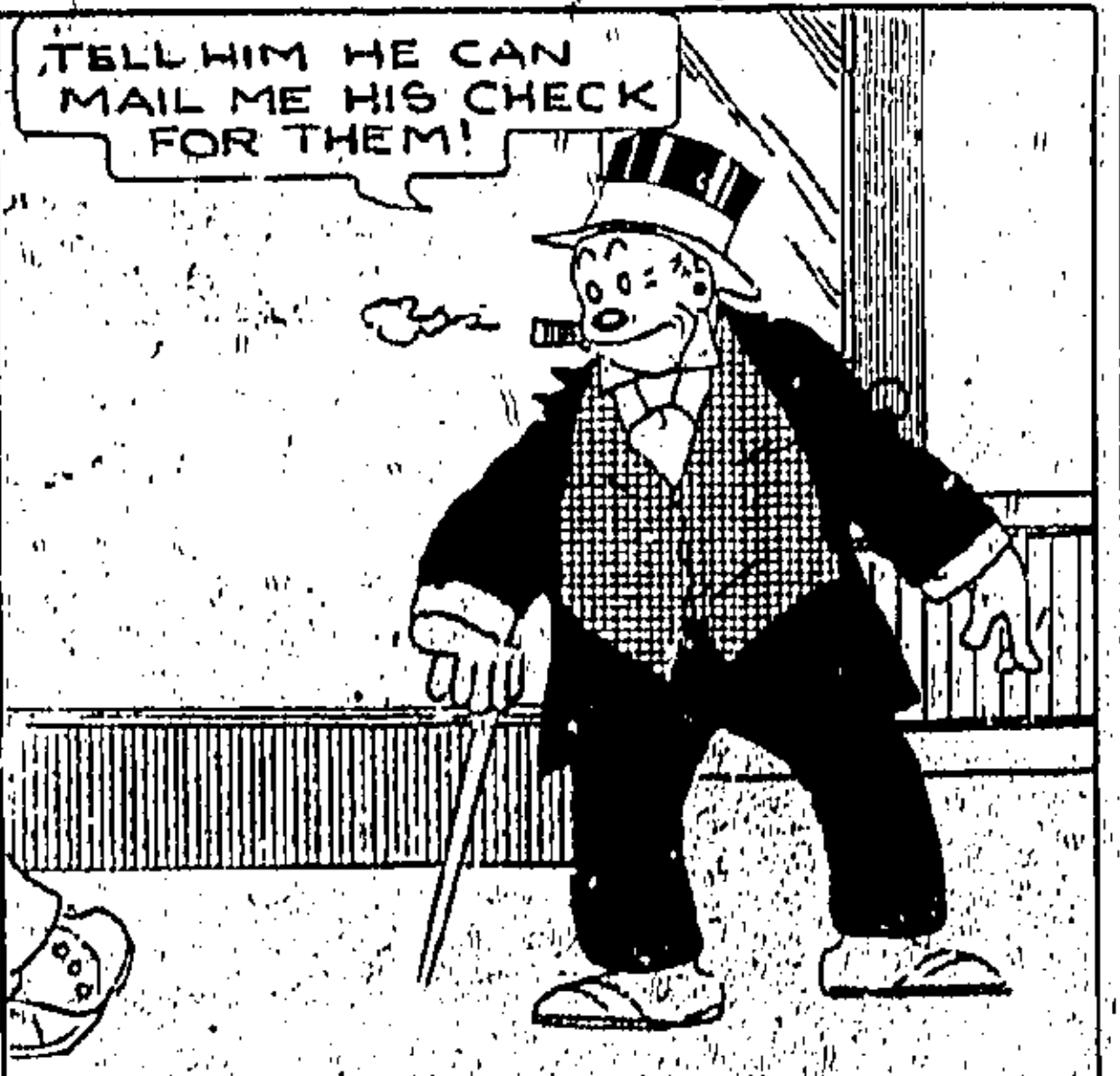
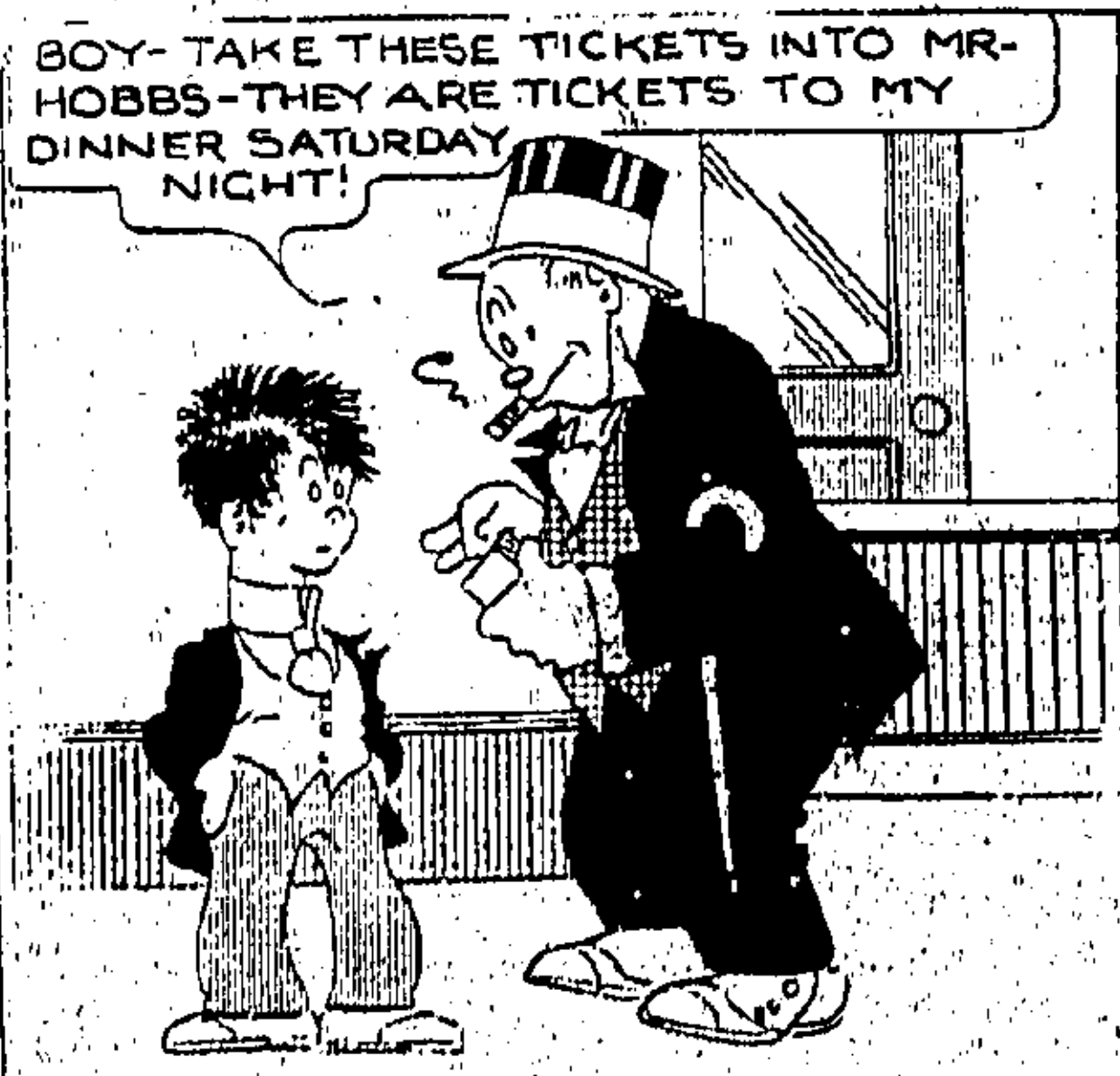
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

A picture by Stubbs, "A Hunting Scene," was sold to Mr. Leggatt for £1,180 at Sothby's.

A fight in which the duellists were each armed with a dagger and a rapier was one of the attractions at a recent assault at arms at the London Polytechnic.

A man, fined at Tottenham for being drunk, said he took drink for the 'flu. It cured him, but when he went outside the public house he failed to pull himself together.

It is officially announced in Colombo that the standard production of rubber in Ceylon for the fifth year of the restriction scheme had been reassessed at 73,839 tons.

The Court of the Worshipful Company of Merchant Taylors has made a grant of 250 guineas to the fund for the rebuilding of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon.

Three tons of live carp—intended for the approaching Jewish fast—arrived at the goods depot of the L.N.E.R. from Lyons, having travelled in special tanks fitted with oxygen cylinders.

A Solicitor at Bow County Court, "Let your wife pay her debts; she dresses in the height of fashion." Husband: "It is not always the woman with the shortest skirt that has the longest purse."

The Earl of Oxford and Asquith, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, and Mr. Winston Churchill have accepted invitations to attend the St. Patrick's Day Banquet at the Hotel Cecil London, on March 18.

In his report to the National Union of Blastfurnacemen, Mr. Thomas McKenna, the general secretary, says that all the disasters which have befallen their union have been the result of other people's disputes.

Twenty-three cattle which perished in a fire at the Home farm, Nether Kimmund, Longside, Aberdeenshire, had been released from their stalls, but were so terrified by smoke and sparks that they would not leave the byres.

An Englishman, a Frenchman and an American, respective heads of syndicates in their own countries, are negotiating for the purchase of the Capitol Cinema, London, from Sir Walter Gibbons. The price is rumoured to be well over half a million pounds.

Found semi-conscious in a boat off the shore at Westcliff, Alfred Hicks, 17, a fisher boy, of High Street, Leigh-on-Sea, who revived later, stated that a companion, George Irving, also a fisher boy, was drowned when their fishing boat capsized.

A proposal that a by-law should be made prohibiting heavy motor-vehicles from using the King's Road (on the sea front) during specified hours and restricting the speed of motor traffic there, was rejected at a Brighton Town Council meeting.

The Senate of London University have resolved that, in recognition of Lord Cowdray's gifts of £20,000, for the faculty of engineering, the laboratory of civil and mechanical engineering at University College be named "The Cowdray Laboratory."

Ivan de Justh, the Hungarian journalist who slapped the face of Count Bethlen in the Palais des Nations, Geneva, last June, has been sentenced by a Swiss Court to 24 days' imprisonment—which he had already undergone—a fine of £20, and ten years' banishment from Swiss territory.

The "New Zealand Times," the oldest Wellington morning newspaper, has ceased publication having been incorporated with the "Dominion" newspaper. The "New Zealand Times" was established in 1874. Its cessation of publication almost coincides with the date for the projected establishment of a new Auckland evening newspaper, to be called the "Sun," by the proprietors of the Christchurch "Sun."

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Aged 100, Miss Forbes, of Park Street, Bath, has died.

Prizes to the value of \$14,700 are to be offered at the Royal Agricultural Society's show at Newport, Monmouthshire, in July.

The Prince of Wales, spending a few days at Aldershot with the Welsh Guards, of which he is colonel, made an informal barracks-room inspection.

£219 was found in the bedroom of George Wells, 70, a labourer, of Burnwood, near Walsall, who had been on the dole until recently, and who was found dead.

The largest liner ever seen at Montreal, the White Star liner "Albertic," 19,000 tons, will be placed on the St. Lawrence route in the coming season.

Twenty-four textile companies with an original capital of £21,565,716 have, according to the "Textile Mercury Annual Review," reduced their capital during 1926 to £12,924,150.

The London death rate (from all causes) in last week, 21.6 per 1,000 of the population, has not been equalled since the winter of 1922, when a severe epidemic of influenza prevailed.

While returning from their father's funeral at the Jew's Cemetery, Montagu Road, Upper Edmonton, Middlesex, three brothers in a motor-car were injured in a collision with a meat van in Southbury Road, Enfield.

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Owing to influenza, all elementary schools in the Alfreton (Derbyshire) urban area are closed.

Ex-Sergeant Major Inkson, who passed unhurt through the War, has died at Folkestone as the result of injuring his finger while cutting bread.

From the Fen district millions of forced daffodils and tulips are being sent to London, Birmingham, Manchester, Sheffield, Leeds, Newcastle, and Glasgow.

While Henry Hearsay (73), a labourer, of Surbiton, was getting coal from a cellar by the light of a candle his beard and neckerchief caught fire and he was fatally burned on the face and head.

Owing to the derailment of a light engine and another engine, pulling empty coaches, in Snow Hill Station tunnel, Birmingham, on the G.W.R., both main lines were blocked and train traffic had to be diverted.

Two aged sisters, Miss Hannah Hobden, and Mrs. Mathwin, the widow of Canon Mathwin, who lived together at Armley, Leeds, were buried in the same grave, both having died within a few hours of each other from influenza.

Following a Socialist member's remark, "It is the capitalist system which is to blame for unemployment," at an Edmonton Council meeting, the Conservative members present left as a protest against the introduction of politics.

In the Spalding County Court the Rev. W. L. Cooke, vicar of St. Saviour's Leicester, sued a small-holder, for 1s. for two years' corn rent in respect of land occupied by the defendant. The defendant said the rent had not been paid for 14 years and had not been demanded for ten years. He claimed that the vicar had therefore lost his right to the rent. Judge Chapman, who had suggested that the parties should toss up as a way out of their difficulties, gave judgment for the plaintiff. He held that the statute permitted the plaintiff to recover his rent within a period of 60 years.

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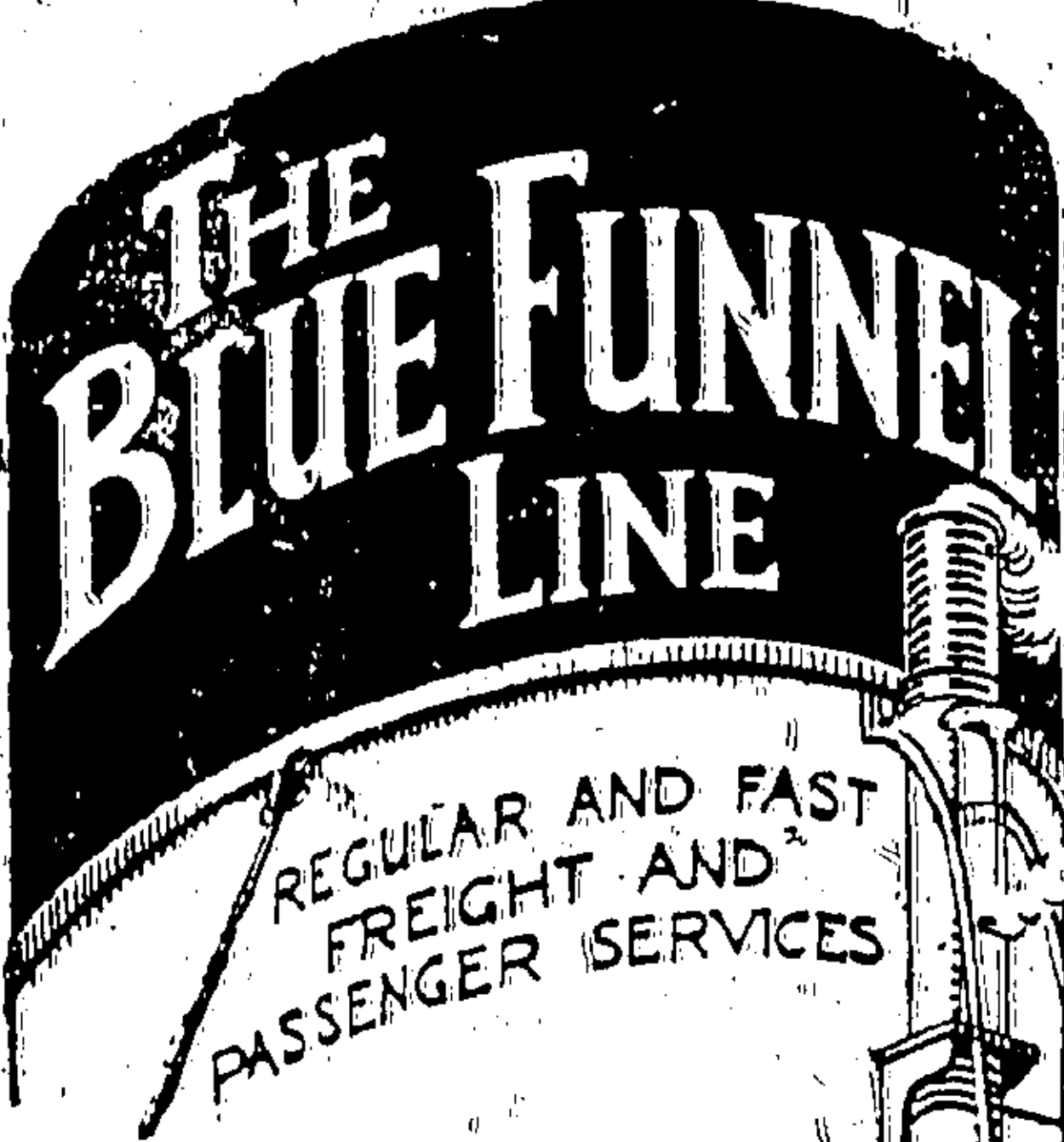
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Amoy	Kwangtung 9 a.m.
MONDAY, MARCH 14	
Swatow & Bangkok	Kalgan 10.30 a.m.
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SOCIAL EVIL.

SECRETS OF UNDERWORLD TRAFFIC.

LEAGUE'S SEARCHING INQUIRY

Geneva, March 10.

An unexampled picture of the underworld engaged in the intricate organisation of an international traffic in women is contained in the report of an expert committee which in the course of its investigation interviewed 6,500 persons, whom 5,000 were connected with commercialised prostitution.

The report reaches the conclusion that the traffic has assumed a somewhat different character owing to the precautions of various countries. Hence it expresses the opinion that women now taken abroad were already prostitutes in their own country, though the traffic is in nowise confined to prostitutes.

The experts emphasise the universal desire to stamp out the evil but say the circumstances of some countries make the task more difficult than in others.

The experts declare that further action depends on strengthening the weak points in the international machinery by effective co-operation.

They hold the opinion that the system of licensed houses is one of the chief causes of the existence of the evil and cite the Singapore Government's condemnation thereof.

They say the effect of State regulation has everywhere failed to provide a remedy of the evils for which it is designed, and has now almost entirely lost the support of expert medical opinion.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, British Foreign Secretary, presenting the report to the Council, observed that the increase in vigilance could be directly attributed to the work of the League.—Reuter.

LATEST FIGURES.

PALESTINE'S GROWING JEWISH POPULATION.

Rugby, March 10.

It is officially stated that 13,056 Jews, comprising 5,932 men, 4,580 women and 2,544 children entered Palestine as immigrants during the twelve months ending December 31 last.

About 7,340 Jews emigrated from Palestine during the same period, so that the net increase of the Jewish population by immigration was 5,716.—British Wireless Service.

FIRST TIME.

Geneva, March 10.

At a meeting of the Council of the League, Mr. Chao Hsin-chu read a report of the League's financial committee showing the progress made on various questions. This is the first time Mr. Chao Hsin-chu has been heard in a public sitting.—Reuter.

TRANS-ATLANTIC RADIO.

London, March 10.

The Trans-Atlantic Wireless telephone service between Britain and the United States will tomorrow be extended to Cuba. A three minute call to Havana will be £17 8s. for the first three minutes and £5 18s. for each additional minute.—British Wireless Service.

DOG BITES R.A. OFFICER.

Lieut. Oliver, R.A., stationed at Gun Club Hill was bitten in the wrist by a dog at Holt's Wharf yesterday afternoon. He received treatment at the Kowloon Hospital and the dog was removed for observation.

MONEY GOES AMISSING.

The manager of the Yip Sing Timber Yard in Hongkong yesterday entrusted \$1,400 in Hong Kong banknotes to a feli to change into Canton money. This man entrusted the money to a friend who is alleged to have absconded with it.

ROBBERS RAID TEMPLE.

Three men, one armed with a revolver, raided the Cheong San Temple at Lu Kong at 4 p.m. on Wednesday. They had no difficulty in overpowering the three Chinese nuns whom they found there, and after binding their victims they decamped with money and clothing worth £27.

BRUTAL ROBBERS.

WATCHMAN MURDEROUSLY ASSAULTED.

HEROIC DEFENCE OVERCOME.

A murderous assault was committed on a Sikh watchman by two armed robbers in Kowloon last night. The desperadoes, one armed with a revolver and the other with a length of piping, visited a hut occupied by the Sikh and his Chinese wife and ordered them to hand over their valuables. The Sikh bravely resisted, and grappled with the man holding the revolver. The other man dealt him a heavy blow on the back of the head with the piping, knocking him unconscious. After binding and gagging the watchman's wife the robbers ransacked the hut and got away with money and property worth £232. As soon as the woman could free herself she gave the alarm, but the robbers were then nowhere to be found. The Sikh was removed to the Kowloon Hospital where he is at present in a critical condition.

AERIAL CHAIN.

(Continued from Page 1.)

planes developed in the United States capable of conveying explosives thirty-five miles and dropping them. Supposing a Continental Power developed a distance of a hundred miles and built 10,000 such machines what would save our cities?

The Under Secretary, Sir Phillip Sassoon, stressed the vulnerability of London. The British attitude towards air disarmament was governed firstly by the urgent calls of the Empire for the development of aerial transport and secondly by the imperative need of adequately protecting the vital centre of the Empire.

When the programme was completed we should not have the largest air force in Europe. Therefore we could not in justice to the Dominions and our own safety act alone, or take the initiative in air disarmament. Viscount Cecil is making definite proposals at Geneva for disarmament.—Reuter.

LATEST CABLES.

CHANG AND THE CANTON SPLIT.

REPORTED DECLARATION.

Shanghai, March 11.

Following quickly on the heels of the report from a Japanese source cabled yesterday regarding the affairs of the Nationalists at Hankow and that Chang Kai-shek is about to carry out a coup d'etat, a Nationalist News Agency at Hankow gives what purports to be a lengthy declaration by Chang Kai-shek in the course of which he emphasises his loyalty to the party.

He admits that "owing to the enormous problems resulting from large scale military operations and the extension of the Nationalist control" his time for the past year has been taken up almost entirely with military matters resulting in loss of contact with the party. "Comrades," he declares, "nothing takes precedence in my mind over the party. I am engaged in no pursuit save that of the interests of the Revolution. I have no interests of my own."

Further assassinations of loyal workers by hired gun-men took place yesterday, a Chinese foreman in a Japanese cotton mill being shot dead whilst on his way to work.

A Chinese private detective employed in another Japanese mill was killed in the street at Wusung. The railway strike continues and sporadic strikes among cotton mills, for instance, 2,000 struck yesterday because the management removed from the walls posters defending the workers against the Government and upholding the murder of loyal workmen.

Another 4,000 struck as a protest against the firing of workmen for negligence.—Reuter.

Rugby, March 10.—The Lord Mayor of London's Fund for the benefit of dependents of the miners killed in recent accidents has reached the sum of £17,000.—British Wireless Service.

Washington, March 10.—Senator Borah has published a statement made in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee by the Chief of the Latin American division of the State Department, that the latter intends to reject the Diaz proposal for a treaty making Nicaragua an American protectorate.—Reuter's American Service.

THREE POWERS.

THE LIMITING OF NAVAL ARMAMENTS.

BRITAIN OFFICIALLY ACCEPTS.

Washington, March 10.

The British Government has instructed the British Ambassador to accept the proposal for the 5-Power disarmament conference.—Reuter.

United States Lead.

Rugby, March 10.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, was asked whether, seeing that by the refusal of the French and Italian Governments to accept the disarmament proposals of President Coolidge, the American proposal in its original form was nullified, he would institute inquiries to amend, and if necessary, expedite arrangement for the meeting between the three Powers Japan, the United States and Great Britain.

Mr. Baldwin said the initiative in this matter was taken by the Government of the United States. His Majesty's Government must wait consideration by that Government of the replies returned to their proposal by the four Powers concerned.—British Wireless Service.

RADIO PHONE.

GREETINGS BETWEEN CUBA AND BRITAIN.

Rugby, March 10.

On the occasion of the inauguration to-morrow of the public telephone service between London and Havana, Cuba, greetings will be exchanged between the Cuban Secretary of State and the British Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. G. Locker Lampson, in the absence of Sir Austen Chamberlain, who is in Geneva.—British Wireless Service.

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NOTICES.

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONG KONG.

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For the following Purposes:—
(a)—To receive the Report of the Committee and Statement of Accounts for the Past Year.
(b)—To elect the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.
(c)—To consider the manner in which St. George's Day shall be celebrated.
(d)—To transact any other Business of which due Notice has been given.

All members are requested to attend.

R. E. GREENSMITH,
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Hong Kong, 10th March, 1927.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 28th MARCH, 1927, both days inclusive.

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